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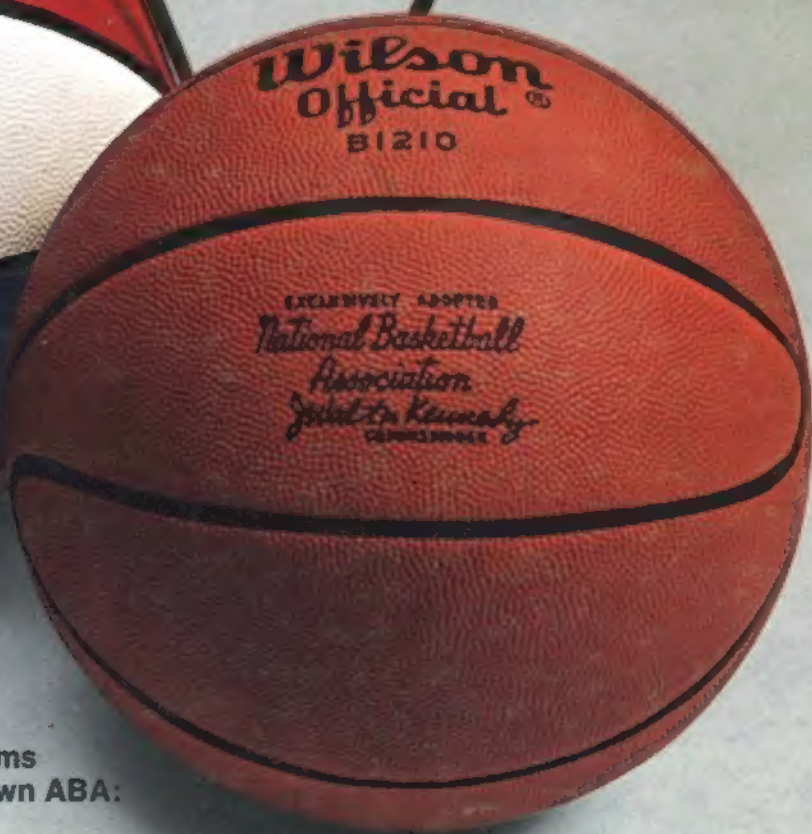
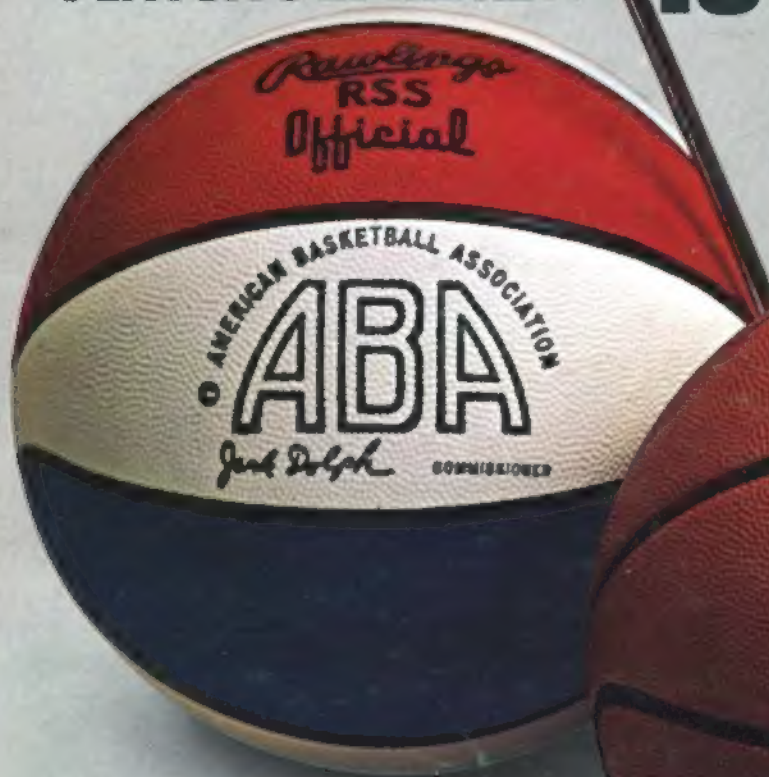
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FOREWORD: TV HOOP-LA

by Jack Twyman, ABC-TV Pro Basketball Commentator

My co-worker, Chris Schenkel, that urbane and witty man who calls the shots for NBA basketball on television, was smiling when he said, "I don't know how much the American Broadcasting Company is paying for this new contract, but last year I flew to all games first-class, and now I fly tourist."

The assembled crowd of newsmen at Gallagher's Restaurant in New York City laughed heartily. This was a happy occasion on the afternoon of February 17, 1970. ABC and the NBA were jointly announcing a new three-year contract, starting with this 1970-71 season.

This exclusive contract will increase the NBA's television coverage from a minimum of 18 games annually to a minimum of 28. NBA telecasts have become a real hot property, and I'm just glad to be on the team that brings you the hot and exciting action, trying to give you an insider's knowledge on what's happening out there on the court.

I'm what they call "a color man," and there's certainly lots of color and excitement in today's pro basketball. Interest has skyrocketed in recent years. Approximately 18,000,000 people watch each Sunday afternoon, and the Boston-Phoenix telecast on Christmas Day, 1968, attracted more than 20,000,000 TV fans, a record for any regular season game.

Sometimes I wish I had been born a few years later so that I'd still be out there playing for the Cincinnati Royals, now that the game has grown so in popularity and promises to continue its gains. Some say, indeed, that pro basketball will be the sport of the '70s.

NBA Commissioner Walter Kennedy has credited television with much of the NBA's progress and advances in recent years. NBA attendance was up 11.6 per cent last year; officially, 5,146,858 spectators saw the action in person, the first season that the attendance had gone over the five-million mark.

"Our growth over the last five years," Mr. Kennedy has been quoted saying, "during which we have doubled our attendance . . . was directly related to the telecasting of NBA games by ABC."

Roone Arledge, president of ABC Sports, is just as delighted with the association. He had this to say: "The NBA's three new markets (Cleveland, Portland and Buffalo), the league's constantly-growing attendance, and the always-improving quality of professional basketball makes us at ABC highly optimistic about the next three years."

ABC-TV has disclosed that 17 regular season games on Sunday will be televised in 1971. Completing the package will be the NBA All-Star Game from San Diego, three games to be selected by ABC and telecast during the fourth quarter of 1970, plus seven playoff games, the majority of which will be shown in prime time.

In addition, "NBA Basketball" this year is being carried by a record number of stations—212—with a record station clearance factor of 98.6 per cent. This means that 98.6 per cent of all U.S. TV homes have the capability of seeing the action play-by-play.

It's almost enough to make a man start stuttering on the air. It's just unbelievable how far and how fast pro basketball has come. The National Basketball Association, which began life under the name of the Basketball Association of America in 1946, and is this season celebrating its silver anniversary, now threatens pro football for the top rating as the fastest growing sport among American fans.

This season the NBA fans will have more reason to believe their game is No. 1. Three new expansion teams added to the league bring the number to 17. The new look NBA will have four divisions: an Atlantic and Central (with teams located in the eastern half of the country) and the Midwest and Pacific in the western half. In the Atlantic will be the world champion New York Knicks, Philadelphia, Boston and the new Buffalo Braves. The Central Division will have Atlanta, Cincinnati, Baltimore, and the new Cleveland Cavaliers. The Midwest Division will comprise Milwaukee, Detroit, Chicago and Phoenix while the five-team Pacific Division will include Los Angeles, Seattle, San Diego, San Francisco and the new Portland Trail Blazers. So you can see the game is now nation-wide indeed.

New divisions are not all that the league will offer. The expansion draft and some surprisingly big trades will give a new look to the player personnel.

Foremost, of course, is Milwaukee's new look: in addition to the great Lew Alcindor, the Bucks will display veteran super-star Oscar Robertson obtained in a trade that sent Flynn Robinson and Charlie Paulk to the Royals.

It will seem strange to me to see my old teammate suiting up in a uniform other than the Royals. Everyone expects the Bucks to make a real run for the title with Lew and Oscar together, and it's something to look forward to, that's for sure.

Then, there was the swapping of players between Chicago, Los Angeles and Phoenix. Chicago got Phoenix's Jim Fox; Los Angeles picked up Phoenix's Gail Goodrich and Phoenix got 7-1 Mel Counts from the Lakers and Clem Haskins from Chicago. This was another big switch, and I look forward to the results eagerly.

The expansion draft turned up a few surprises, too. The key personnel of the champion Knicks remained untouched, but Los Angeles gave up its first team all-rookie Dick Garrett to Buffalo. And Boston wheeled and dealt, seemingly with abandon, but more likely with good reason. The Celtics turned seven-year veteran Larry Siegfried over to Portland, (Larry was then traded to San Diego for Jim Barnett). They also let go 11-year veteran Bailey Howell (who was picked by Buffalo and then traded to Philadelphia!)

All of these trades and picks, plus the added TV exposure, will spice my interest in the 1970-71 season. You'll read more about them, about other aspects of NBA play—and yes, about that *other* league, the American Basketball Association, too—in this book. Keep it around all season. You can refer to it while you watch us commentators do our stuff.

THE NEW LOOK OF THE NBA

It's 1970, and now *basketball* is big in Buffalo, too. For the Braves have joined the National Basketball Association, one of three expansion teams that will change the NBA's face.

Buffalo is the sort of city, local sportswriter-historian Steve Weller has noted, that began its redevelopment program by building a burlesque house. Other cities may be tearing theirs down, but Buffalo builds, because burlesque is very big there. Odd, because it's also very cold. "I go along with what O.J. Simpson said. It's just too cold to play here." This, it should be noted, is the observation of Miss Bobby Lane, not the old blood-and-guts quarterback but a delectable stripper, who adds, "Buffalo is not the place to take your clothes off in the winter."

NBA players will learn the truth of this, perhaps to their chagrin, when they strip down to those skimpy silks they wear to work... and then look up at a mackinaw-clad crowd. Because their fans are likely also to be hockey fans. The new Braves will be playing in an old area known as Memorial Auditorium, built by the city in the early 1940's, and now being quickly remodeled to house both them and a new tenant from the National Hockey League.

The Cleveland Cavaliers and Portland Trail Blazers have also been added to the NBA. And what do these cities promise as hosts? "If you were describing Cleveland's color," Jim Murray has written, "you'd say it was an even shade of drab gray." No one of basketball note has been in Portland, Oregon to make that kind of comment. Portland is known as the "Rose City." The only statement at all applicable has been made by the celebrated commissioner of the NBA, a man known to say, "A rose is a rose is a rose."

Well, it's obviously too early to make any serious assessment of these cities' abilities to hold their fans. But their entries into the NBA should definitely make for more fun. The league will now include 17 franchises and be bigger—like a circus can be made bigger—if not better. And it's a move that will help bring about parity between the two pro leagues when they merge next season. Houston was also supposed to join the NBA—which would have diluted the available talent still more—but dropped out when the dues seemed excessive to the prospective owners. Imagine anyone in Texas admitting as much!

The large number of teams necessitated a new structure for the NBA and it will now have four divisions for the coming season rather than two (see new break-down in box).

It will be interesting to see if the Knicks, the newest champion, can begin to match the dynasty that belonged to the Boston Celtics.

Basketball is so big in New York now that the Knicks sold over 12,000 season tickets—and the best seats sell for \$8.50 apiece, a price that used to get you a front row seat for the best of Broadway shows.

"This is a Broadway show," says a team official. "Maybe the best."

The Knicks turned the town on this past year and the

team played to capacity houses of 19,500 all the way down the stretch and into the exciting playoffs.

Top challenge is expected to come from the Milwaukee Bucks, who bring a new look to the NBA in their third year—the sight of Oscar (Big O) Robertson in a uniform other than the Cincinnati Royals. Everyone's wondering how Robertson and Lew Alcindor, the game's greatest offensive force after only one season, will complement each other. If they click the Bucks will be bad news for the rest of the league, and could go all the way.

The Detroit Pistons and Atlanta Hawks will contribute to a new look with their super rookies. The Pistons could make the playoffs for a change if 6-11 Bob Lanier of St. Bonaventure lives up to credentials, and the only way he can do that is if his knee is sound. Pistol Pete Maravich of LSU will put some pazzaz in the Hawks, and some more fans in a lot of arenas where they play—maybe even Portland and Cleveland. His "showtime" should be as big as Miss Lane's bustline in Buffalo.

Niagara's Calvin Murphy and Michigan's Rudy Tomjanovich should help out Elvin Hayes in San Diego, and newcomers elsewhere should spark increased interest. The pro basketball boom is on, and new faces and new cities always keep things jumping.

ABC-TV certainly thinks so. They have signed a three-year contract with the NBA, starting with this season, that will net the league \$17.5 million dollars. "NBA Basketball" is considered one of television sport's "hottest" properties. Even in Buffalo in December.



A new home for the NBA: Portland's Memorial

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Atlantic Division
Boston Celtics
Buffalo Braves
New York Knicks
Philadelphia 76ers

Central Division
Atlanta Hawks
Baltimore Bullets
Cincinnati Royals
Cleveland Cavaliers

Midwest Division
Chicago Bulls
Detroit Pistons
Milwaukee Bucks
Phoenix Suns

Pacific Division
Los Angeles Lakers
Portland Trail Blazers
San Diego Rockets
San Francisco Warriors
Seattle Supersonics

THE NEW LOOK OF THE ABA

There's always a new look each season in the American Basketball Association.

Paris fashions don't fluctuate as much from one year to the next.

At last, however, the ABA-line seems to be "in" this year, the league having finally gained the respect it sought in its first three years of existence. For most of that time, the ABA had been, in the eyes of most basketball experts, an elaborate and expensive sports joke, complete with red, white and blue basketball, some new rules and some wild happenings in its ranks.

Now the NBA is talking about merging with this so-called "funny league" and all of a sudden no one's laughing at it anymore.

The NBA agreed to a merger because it found itself locked into a multi-million-dollar war for basketball talent—and, all of a sudden, the ABA was scoring impressive victories.

These will show up this season in improved play throughout the young and still-struggling-but-getting-somewhere league. The Kentucky Colonels signed University of Kentucky star Dan Issel for \$1.4 million and threw in another \$400,000 for his teammate Mike Pratt.

The Indiana Pacers paid an estimated \$1 million for Purdue scoring star Rick Mount, the Virginia Squires got North Carolina's Charlie Scott for \$500,000 and the Pittsburgh Condors signed Davidson's Mike Maloy for an estimated \$200,000.

The ABA lost the top two prizes—St. Bonaventure's Bob Lanier and LSU's Pete Maravich—to the NBA, but haven't

playoff games were shown over the CBS-TV network. Fans are thus more aware of who's who in the ABA. League attendance went up over 30 per cent over the previous season and should continue to skyrocket in 1970-71.

The ABA still has Rick Barry, now with the Virginia Squires, who's been an scoring champion in both leagues, and, at last, has a home-grown, even if somewhat prematurely, super star of its own in Spencer Haywood with the Denver Rockets.

Haywood won the ABA's scoring and rebounding titles last season when he should have been a junior at the University of Detroit or some other school. He played against some NBA stars this past summer in a benefit game in New Jersey, and afterward Willis Reed, the MVP of the NBA and the Knicks' biggest star, said, "He could be a superstar in anybody's league." New York Nets coach Lou Carnesecca calls Haywood "the most exciting player in the country."

Several ABA teams have moved to other locations and changed their names since the 1969-70 season. The Utah Stars will play out of Salt Lake City, with ex-NBA star Zelmo Beaty in the line-up, along with high-scorer Donnie Freeman, obtained in a trade with the Floridians.

The Floridians, who have almost a completely new team thanks to large-scale swapping, will be a state-wide franchise, topped by all-time ABA scoring leader Larry Jones.

The Denver Rockets tried to follow up their Haywood coup by signing his former high school teammate Ralph Simpson, who would have been an All-America candidate as a junior this year at Michigan State, and that case should be in the courts by now.

The New Orleans Buccaneers were set to go state-wide as the Louisiana Buccaneers, but by now may be the Memphis Macaroons, or something fitting like that.

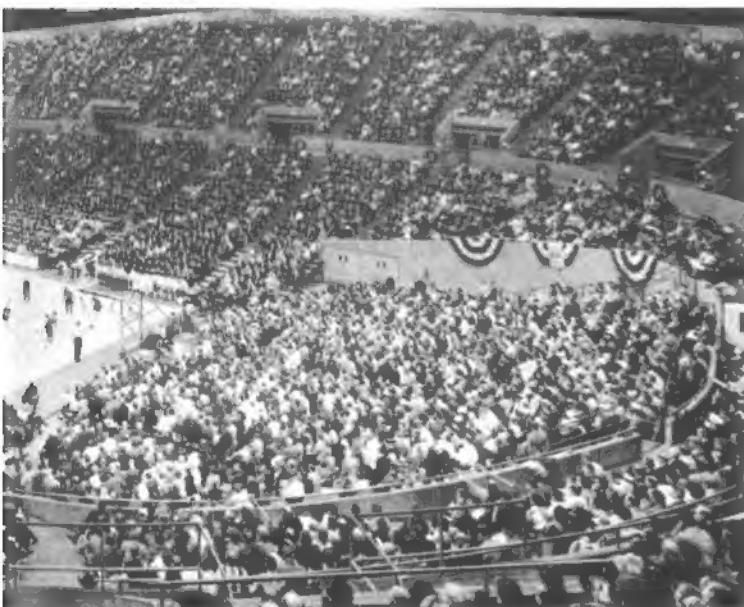
The Dallas Chaparrals are now the Texas Chaparrals, and will play a package of games in Fort Worth. The Washington Caps, getting a jump on merger conditions, have switched to Virginia where they will be a regional franchise headquartered in Norfolk.

The Pittsburgh Pipers are now the Pittsburgh Condors, which requires too much explanation to tell you why, and hope to succeed where others have failed in that city.

The Kentucky Colonels have aggressive new leadership in former Indiana general manager Mike Storen and lots of home dates in expansive Freedom Hall in Louisville; they look like the best bet to be the most improved franchise in the ABA this year. The Carolina Cougars will be directed by Carl Scheer, who was set to lead the NBA's expansion Buffalo Braves, but resigned and took this job. He used to be NBA Commissioner Walter Kennedy's top aide.

The New York Nets are now led by Lou Carnesecca, the popular and colorful ex-coach at St. John's University, and are gaining a place in the community out on Long Island.

All in all, it looks like the ABA is getting somewhere and fast.



Arena will seat 12,500 hopeful Trail Blazer customers.

their gains been impressive?

The ABA's rise is virtually unprecedented. The American Football League, by comparison, suffered through years of slow and painful growth before being accepted as an equal by the National League. The ABA has crammed all its growth into one hectic season—and it appears likely to seize equal status, even without as much public support as the AFL had.

Last season the league's all-star game and several of its

AMERICAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

Eastern Division	Western Division
Kentucky Colonels	Indiana Pacers
Pittsburgh Condors	Utah Stars
Virginia Squires	Louisiana Buccaneers
The Floridians	Texas Chaparrals
New York Nets	Denver Rockets
Carolina Cougars	

NBA VS. ABA

The Indiana Pacers had not yet won their first ABA title—we're talking about a day in March, 1969—and already they were talking about taking on the NBA champs, the New York Knicks, who had won their first title just a few days earlier. This was in the restaurant of the Jolly Roger Inn, directly across the street from Disneyland in Anaheim, Calif. Perhaps the Pacers had made a visit to Fantasyland that day and were just dreaming as young men will.

"Walt Frazier said the Knicks were the world champions," said Roger Brown, the scoring leader of the Pacers, "but that's not really true. There are two leagues now, and there won't be a true world's champ until there's a Super Bowl in basketball."

Brown smiled that sly smile of his—indeed he is today's Jolly Roger—and said, "I'll get that game yet."

Brown wasn't the only one trying to drum up interest in a big money game with the Knicks. Bob Netolicky and Mel Daniels were dreaming, too.

We would have had an answer to what would happen if the Pacers would play the Knicks if the two pro leagues had gone ahead with plans for inter-league pre-season exhibition games this fall, but the plans were dropped this summer when an agreement was reached on the terms of still another agreement. It was thought wiser to wait one more year for the ultimate confrontation.

The Pacers and the New York Nets were to play in a round-robin doubleheader at Madison Square Garden against the Knicks and the Atlanta Hawks. It would've been a dream come true for Brown, a Brooklyn native who longs to play pro ball in his hometown some day soon.

Negotiations for this two-day affair were also ended, as were plans for the Knicks to play a pre-season game in Louisville's Freedom Hall against the ambitious Kentucky Colonels.

The Pacers went on to whip the Los Angeles Stars, 4-2, in six games, and were impressive in doing so. Two of those games were seen on national television. It was the first such exposure for the Pacers or the ABA in playoff action.

"Now everyone knows who the Indiana Pacers and the ABA are," said Brown, "and they know who Roger Brown is . . . and who's Mel Daniels . . . and Bob Netolicky . . . and Freddie Lewis . . . and Billie Keller."

People still don't know just exactly how good the Pacers and Brown are against a standard of excellence that they know better, namely, NBA competition.

As the only observer to see every game in the NBA and the ABA championship series, reporting for the New York Post, we feel qualified to comment on this debate.

The New York Knicks would defeat the Pacers in four, at the most five, games in a title series. That's no knock at the Pacers, however. The Knicks could do much the same in a short series to about a dozen of the NBA's 17 teams for the coming season.

"It's silly to compare us to a league that's been in business for 24 years," said Bobby Leonard, the Pacers' coach, who once directed the NBA's Baltimore Bullets and played in the league a long time himself. "Give us a few more years and we'll be able to compete with anybody."

That only seems fair.

Mike Storen, general manager of the Kentucky Colonels, who held the same position for three years with the Pacers and must be credited, along with Leonard, for bringing the Pacers to their present point of success, says, "We were thinking about having each NBA team playing each ABA team twice a season for a few years. On any one night our teams might be high enough to beat anybody, but over a long season they'd kill us." Storen is a smart sports executive, not given to rash remarks.

Alex Hannum, who's been on benches on both sides of the fence, was ready to take on the Boston Celtics two years ago when he coached the Oakland Oaks to the ABA title, but that was just tall talk.

The Pacers, or any other team in the league, should be compared with the NBA's expansion teams of three years ago: the San Diego Rockets, the Milwaukee Bucks, the Seattle SuperSonics and the Phoenix Suns.



Could the ABA Pacers beat the champion Knicks—on TV or anywhere else? Says expert O'Brien: "Who's kidding who?"

A straight-from-the-shoulder comparison report

They certainly are better than the NBA's latest entries, the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Portland Trail Blazers and the Buffalo Braves, though the latter club came up with some exceptional choices.

Most ABA teams couldn't compete on an even keel with the Knicks, the Atlanta Hawks, Baltimore Bullets, Los Angeles Lakers and maybe the Philadelphia 76ers, but they could hold their own with the rest. Certainly the class teams of the ABA would be respectable.

Give the Pacers a Lew Alcindor and an Oscar Robertson and they'd have a better chance than the Milwaukee Bucks of unseating the Knicks. One or two men can turn a whole program around in pro basketball, and that's why it won't take the ABA as long to reach parity with the NBA as it did the AFL to gain ground on the NFL.

In football, you're talking about 40 men, and 22-25 key people. In basketball, one man like Alcindor can turn a team

into a contender. Two can make a championship team.

Consider these facts, too. Mel Daniels, the Pacers' pivot-man, was an All-America at New Mexico and the No. 1 draft choice of the Cincinnati Royals four years ago. Bob Netolicky, the Pacers' big forward, was the No. 2 draft choice of the San Diego Rockets when they first came into being.

They, along with Brown, who certainly would've been somebody's No. 1 draft choice had he remained at the University of Dayton, form the front line of the Pacers, and it's a good one.

Of the three, Brown would have the best chance of holding his own against his counterpart on the Knicks, namely, Bill Bradley. He's probably a better offensive ballplayer.

Willis Reed and Dave DeBusschere would physically punish Daniels and Netolicky, respectively. Netolicky would learn what it takes to make it in the pros—he's got all the skills and physical equipment—and that's an all-out effort everytime one takes the floor.

Daniels and Netolicky have a lot to learn, just as some of the Knicks did a few years ago, and in time they will be top-notch pros. All they need is time.

In the backcourt, the Pacers will go with Freddie Lewis and rookie Rick Mount, the Purdue hot-shot. Lewis tired of watching Oscar Robertson and Odie Smith playing all the time at Cincinnati and quit the NBA for the Pacers. If he returned to the Royals now he could start. He's certainly as good if not better than Norm Van Lier, who teamed with the Big O last season. The NBA nabobs like to find fault with Mount—and he has weaknesses—but he would've been an early choice in their league, too.

John Barnhill and Tom Thacker were solid reserves with the Pacers, just as they were for years in the NBA. Those who were journeymen in the NBA are usually in the same position with the ABA.

Those who would be super-stars in one league—like Connie Hawkins and Rick Barry—are no better or worse in the other league. The ABA is stocked with a lot of talented ballplayers who were cut from NBA camps for "personality problems" rather than their deficiencies for putting the ball in the hole.

That's another reason they call the ABA "the funny league."

The NBA is laughing less and less, however, as the younger league comes up with such stars as Spencer Haywood (Denver), Jimmy Jones (Louisiana), Dan Issel (Kentucky), Charlie Scott (Virginia), Mike Maloy (Pittsburgh), Jim Ard (New York), and wishes it hadn't been so quick to cut Donnie Freeman (Utah) and Larry Jones (Floridians).

Six years ago during a year of military service in Kansas City we had an opportunity to watch the Kansas City Chiefs through an AFL season, and thought they were a much better team than the Steelers, the old hometown club.

They laughed about such absurd thoughts back in Pittsburgh. It turned out the Chiefs were better. They had been spending money and coming up with first-rate college talent through the years.

The teams in the ABA who are willing to pay the price can make the same advances in a much quicker time. The ABA, as a whole, isn't in the same league with the NBA, but in due time it will be, and by then, it will all be one big happy family anyway, and we'll have to look elsewhere for debate.



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NBA TEAMS

ATLANTA HAWKS



Hawks' Bill Bridges, a hard man to hold back, lunges past Knicks' DeBusschere for loose ball.

Team Profile

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Vice-President Carl E. Sanders
Executive Vice-President Lewis Woodruff
Treasurer Thomas G. Cousins
Secretary	..... Jack Ashmore
General Manager	..... Robert Cousins
Business Manager	..... Irv Gack
Coach	..... Richie Guerin
Assistant Coach Gene Tormohlen
Director of Public Relations Tom McCollister
Trainer Joe O'Toole

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 Arena Alexander Memorial Coliseum (7,000)

TEAM COLORS: Columbia Blue, White and Red
 1969-70 RECORD: Won 48, Lost 34, 1st in West

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
4	Los Angeles	3	4	New York	2
5	Chicago	2	3	Milwaukee	3
2	Phoenix	4	2	Baltimore	4
5	Seattle	2	3	Phila.	3
4	San Fran.	3	3	Cincin.	3
4	San Diego	2	6	Boston	0
			3	Detroit	3
24		16	24		18

1970-71 Division Alignment

NBA Central Division

Atlanta
 Baltimore
 Cincinnati
 Cleveland

STRONG POINTS: The Hawks can score. Cheap. There is no such statistic as percentage of layups against baskets. If there were the Hawks would lead the league. Last year they would hit the boards like crazy with their big front line and then fire out to their guards for chippies so often a team that worked patiently for its shots had to be discouraged. And there is no reason the Hawks can't do it again. They are moving Joe Caldwell to the front line so he can leap with Bill Bridges and Walter Bellamy. They have added Jerry Chambers, who can come off the bench with 6-9½ Jim Davis. They are thinking about swinging Lou Hudson at forward and guard and if Pete Maravich and John Vallely are good enough to do it they can team with Walt Hazzard for an outstanding backcourt.

For a number of reasons this is an exceptional team. Bridges, the captain, was the top rebounding forward in the league last season. Caldwell scores well, shooting in deadly bursts along the baseline. He leaps amazingly well, plays defense against the guards with overwhelming quickness. Bellamy, whose major weakness is bad hands, works well

inside and fits in here better than he did with his other teams because he can contribute rather than be forced to lead. Hazzard is a deft passer, a good scorer. Hudson's 53 percent shooting is deceptive because he gets so many easy layups from his rebounders, but he scores well enough. And now the Hawks have added the clever Vallely and the brilliant Maravich, plus an adequate reserve forward in Jerry Chambers. It all makes them appear very solid.

WEAK SPOTS: There are two disturbing factors about the Hawks. One is the past performance chart, which shows them dying on the lead. The second is the possibility that Maravich will unwillingly serve as a disruptive force. Count one is simple. The Hawks won 56 games in 1968, finishing 13 games ahead of third-place San Francisco, only to lose in six games to the Warriors in the first round of the playoffs. Last season they made it to the Western finals and were swept by the Lakers.

The Hawks used an injury to Hudson as a partial excuse last spring. Now, Maravich is another matter. Bridges took a look at the million-dollar-plus stories floating around when Maravich chose Atlanta over the ABA Carolina Cougars and expressed serious concern for his financial well being. If Bridges' gripe is simply a ploy for more money, that's one thing. If this open and direct man is truly angry, there could be trouble. To compound the possibilities of problems, Maravich's presence is forcing Hudson from a firm hold in the backcourt and it is forcing Caldwell into the role of full-time forward. There is also the matter of style. Will the Hawks pay all this money for a team player or will Maravich dominate their game and break up successful patterns? And if Maravich becomes just a solid Hawk or a disruptive force, either one, will the *real* reason the team bought him—the Hawks badly need a larger coliseum—turn out to have been wishful thinking?

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Hawk basketball, if it doesn't come full circle, is running basketball. It's Bridges or Caldwell or Bellamy for the rebound, the outlet pass, the cheating guard already on the dead run toward the naked backcourt, the chippie basket. Let the Hawks get you in a running game and you die. Coach Guerin calls Hudson, Cardwell and Hazzard "the NBA's best-breaking threesome." With the exception of Bellamy this is a quick, mobile

team that leaves the opposition burning in its wake. If one Hawk on a break isn't enough two will be there, sometimes three. Make them pull up and they are killers from 10 to 15 feet. Properly wedded to their game, Maravich will help them with his passing and a long shot now and then to keep the defense honest.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Putting Caldwell in the forecourt does not preclude using him against a small team's playmaker and throwing a big guard on the other club's short forward. Here is the real value of Caldwell. He doesn't need to score a point when he is throttling Walt Frazier, cutting off his lanes, taking away his options. Caldwell is beautiful when he does this, like a giant bird, his arms flapping, his leg-springs going up and down. Otherwise, Atlanta's defense is quite ordinary. The team won 48 and lost 34 and yet it's scoring difference was only 0.4, low for winning teams.

NEW FACES OF 1970: The Hawk roster is as exclusive as a swanky country club's membership list. Pete Maravich and John Vallely are two of the best rookies in the league. The club brought Jerry Chambers in from Portland in exchange for husky Gary Gregor and Chambers will get spot work. Then there are two more rookies, Bob Riley (6-9) and Herb White, a guard from the University of Georgia. But between them the last two rookies will probably not average more than a couple of minutes a week. Like the man at the Jerusalem Hilton said, there ain't no room.

THE BIG IFs: Can Maravich fit? Will the Hawks take this wealthy young man to their bosom and love him on the court as they will in their public remarks? Can a team that twice went for the golden ring and missed make it this time? These are serious questions and it is doubtful the Hawks have the answers right now. It will all be on Richie Guerin's head.

SUM UP: Atlanta is easily the strongest and deepest team in its division. If the Hawks don't come out on top in their little group it will mean they have been unable to handle Baltimore. And this would be wrong because Atlanta has more depth. This potent team is capable of doing terrible things. If it comes into the spring months a cohesive unit it could come out of all this as the very best team in basketball. The word is could.

THE MANAGEMENT: The power in the organization is Tom Cousins, the man Richie Guerin calls "my owner." Cousins threw Marty Blake out of Atlanta and gave brother

Atlanta Hawks Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS	COLLEGE
8	Walt Bellamy	C	6-11	245	31	10	Indiana
32	Bill Bridges	F	6-6	235	31	8	Kansas
27	Joe Caldwell	F	6-5	210	29	6	Arizona State
—	Jerry Chambers	F	6-5	190	26	2	Utah
24	Jim Davis	C-F	6-9½	225	29	4	Colorado
42	Walt Hazzard	G	6-3	185	28	6	UCLA
23	Lou Hudson	F-G	6-5	210	26	4	Minnesota
29	Dave Newmark	C	7-0	260	24	2	Columbia

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
44	Pete Maravich	G	6-5	195	22	Louisiana State
—	Bob Riley	F	6-9	235	22	Mt. St. Mary's
—	John Vallely	G	6-3	180	22	UCLA
—	Herb White	G	6-2½	195	22	Georgia
—	John Kirk	G	6-4	200	22	Hillsdale
—	Greg Ludwig	F	6-7	225	23	West Virginia
—	Gene Ford	F	6-5	215	23	Western Michigan



JOE CALDWELL



WALT HAZZARD



LOU HUDSON



JOHN VALLELY

Bob the general manager's job. Blake knew his basketball and kept one of the most extensive filing systems in use on college players. Play stump the G.M. with Blake and you lose. But, brassie and loud, he didn't fit in with the Southern image. Guerin is not a polished man, either, but he minds his business when he doesn't lose his temper (remember the "blood on the court" oath during the L.A. playoffs last year) and he is a fine coach. His players respect him.

The Atlanta Stars

Bill Bridges Forward No. 32 9th Year
Kansas 31 6-6 235

Captain of the Hawks... fourth-leading rebounder in the NBA last year with 14.4... has 12.3 career scoring average... one of the strongest men in the game and also one of the sharpest... "Working against him is a pain in the neck," says one of the men who has to face him, but who asks not to be identified "because I try to nonchalant him."... It is Bridges' willingness to sacrifice his points that helps the Hawks succeed... broke into the NBA after starting pro career in the old ABL.

Joe Caldwell Forward No. 27 7th Year
Arizona State 29 6-5 210

A great college high jumper, Caldwell uses his great legs to get himself up with the bigger fellows... is so agile he can ruin an opposing guard and had great success last season with Walt Frazier of the Knicks and, on occasion, with Jerry West... has tendency to get into foul trouble because of aggressiveness... had best season last year, averaging 21 points... when playing for Arizona State in Queen City tournament in Buffalo a Southern coach tried to recruit him. "They don't like negroes in the South, do they coach?" Caldwell asked. Coach replied, "Everytime you go up and squeeze that ball like it's a grape you'll turn a shade whiter, Joe." Caldwell stayed.

Walt Hazzard Guard No. 42 7th Year
UCLA 28 6-3 185

Went from Lakers to expansionist Seattle to Atlanta where he has found a home... good playmaker and equally good scorer, he averaged 6.8 assists last season... twice All-American and member 1964 Olympic team... one of

the truly solid players you don't hear much about, Hazzard is better than his reputation.

Lou Hudson Guard No. 23 5th Year
Minnesota 26 6-5 210

Hawks' top scorer three out of four years and only missed when out 36 games because of Army duty in 1967-68... can play guard and forward and was second team All-NBA last year... League's fifth-best scorer last season with 25.4, third in field goal percentage at 53.1 and seventh in foul shooting at 82.4... 57 points against Chicago last year high one-game mark for anyone in league that season... one of the quickest men in league, which gives him chances for easy break baskets.

Walt Bellamy Center No. 8 11th Year
Indiana 31 6-11 245

Ran a funeral parlor for years with cryptic humor. "I'll dig you later," he would say... a moody man, he needs to be wanted and performed well after moving from Detroit to Atlanta in late season because Bridges very nearly adopted him... Was in state of confusion in Detroit. "They told me I could play against Y and not against Z and then they told me I could play against Z and not against Y."... Main weakness are his hands which are as sensitive as shovels.

Jim Davis Center-Forward No. 24 5th Year
Colorado 29 6-9½ 225

Detroit's fourth draft pick in 1964, but was cut and came to Hawks after two years in Eastern League... had to fill in as starting center when Zelmo Beaty jumped club and did fairly well until Bellamy arrived... averaged 13.6 points last season and was team's second-leading rebounder.

Jerry Chambers Forward No. — 3rd Year
Utah 26 6-5 190

Has been property of Lakers (top draft choice), Philadelphia, Phoenix, Portland and now Hawks after trade for Gary Gregor... lost two years to Army... most valuable player in 1966 NCAA tournament... performs well coming off bench

Dave Newmark Center No. 29 3rd Year
Columbia 24 7-0 260

Good shooter... scored 4.8 in season, but 10.8 vs. Lew Alcindor... is disc jockey in Atlanta and wants career in TV productions or off-Broadway.

Top Rookies

Pete Maravich Guard No. 44
LSU 22 6-5 195

Picked Hawks over ABA Carolina Cougars after bidding war... finished college career as all-time leading scorer in nation with 3,667 points and 44.5 average... holds 11 NCAA records and 16 in Southeastern Conference... famous for his old sweat socks which collapse around his sneakers... his brilliant scoring figures overshadow his abilities as a playmaker... the most heralded backcourt prospect since Jerry West and easily the most flamboyant figure to join pros in decade

John Vallely Guard No. —
UCLA 22 6-3 185

Sound, quiet leader who helped bring UCLA its fourth straight college championship... may be the plum of the draft and too valuable to sit on bench he may end up playing elsewhere by next season... loved to face the opposition's big scorer and turn him off... averaged 16.3 points for UCLA as a senior.



Pistol Pete Maravich, top college scorer for three years (I.), is rave rookie for Hawks, but must share ball with likes of Lou Hudson (23), hitting reverse layup here.



Bob Riley Center-Forward No. ____
Mount St. Mary's 6-9 235

Did not play high school ball, but invited out by coach Jim Phelan, he grew from 6-7, 180-pound sophomore to 6-9, 235 senior . . . competed for track team, running the mile, throwing discus and high jumping . . . averaged 17.4 points as a senior

Herb White Guard No. ____
Georgia 22 6-2½ 195

Picked in eighth round, Hawks like his chances played

forward in college despite size because he has great jumping ability.

Television

Selected schedule of games on road over WSB-TV (Skip Cary).

Radio

Home and away network out of WSB (750 kc)

Hawks Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	1	48	34	—	1966-67	2	39	42	5
1968-69	2	48	34	7	1965-66	3	36	44	9
1967-68	1	56	26	—					

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	.....	Lou Hudson	.....	25.4
1968-69	.....	Lou Hudson	.....	21.9
1967-68	.....	Zelmo Beaty	.....	21.1
1966-67	.....	Lou Hudson	.....	18.4
1965-66	.....	Zelmo Beaty	.....	20.7

Assists

1969-70	.....	Walt Hazzard	.....	6.8
1968-69	.....	Walt Hazzard	.....	5.9
1967-68	.....	Lenny Wilkens	.....	8.3
1966-67	.....	Lenny Wilkens	.....	5.7
1965-66	.....	Lenny Wilkens	.....	6.2

Rebounding

1969-70	.....	Bill Bridges	.....	14.4
1968-69	.....	Bill Bridges	.....	14.2
1967-68	.....	Bill Bridges	.....	13.4
1966-67	.....	Bill Bridges	.....	15.1
1965-66	.....	Zelmo Beaty	.....	13.6

Field Goal Percentage

1969-70	.....	Lou Hudson	.....	53.1
1968-69	.....	Joe Caldwell	.....	50.7
1967-68	.....	Zelmo Beaty	.....	48.8
1966-67	.....	Zelmo Beaty	.....	47.3
1965-66	.....	Zelmo Beaty	.....	47.3

BALTIMORE BULLETS



Wes Unseld almost loses ball to Hawks' Walt Hazzard but with his strength—plus a grimace—hangs on.

Team Profile

President	Abe Pollin
Executive Vice-President	Joe Sachs
General Manager	Jerry Sachs
Coach	Gene Schue
Assistant Coach	Bob Ferry
Director of Public Relations	Jim Henneman
Trainer	Skip Feldman
Office: Civic Center, Baltimore, Md., 21201	
Arena: Civic Center (12,384)	

TEAM COLORS: Orange, White and Blue

1969-70 RECORD: Won 50, Lost 32, 3rd in East

W	vs. East	L	W	vs. West	L
1	New York	5	4	Atlanta	2
3	Milwaukee	3	4	Los Angeles	2
3	Philadelphia	4	5	Chicago	1
4	Cincinnati	3	3	Phoenix	3
5	Boston	2	2	Seattle	4
5	Detroit	2	5	San Francisco	1
			6	San Diego	0
21		19	29		13

1970-71 Division Alignment

NBA Central Division

Atlanta
Baltimore
Cincinnati
Cleveland

STRONG POINTS: The Bullets have been called the greatest one-on-one team in basketball. It's an accurate label. Think about it: Earl Monroe, Gus Johnson, Jack Marin, Wes Unseld, Kevin Loughery, Fred Carter. The mind boggles. There is the picture of Monroe, his arthritic knees bent, his left shoulder raised, his body turned away from the basket and 20 feet away from it. And suddenly he is spinning and turning and the ball is floating in a high arc and spilling into the nets. There is Monroe, going left and shooting right, whirling away from his man, making the shot, beating an intentional foul with a 45-foot shot that barely ruffles the nets.

Think about Golden Gus, the star in his front tooth sparkling, his legs taking him down the floor, ahead of the pack, his feet leaving the court at the top of the foul circle, his body churning, pumping and his right up high, holding the ball until he slings it down, into the basket, and then watch Gus catch himself against the backboard support.

Watch them. Marin on a hot streak, jumper going in. Unseld, his forward's body playing the center position, dominating the defensive board, clearing out, arms pumping, moving to the hoop, taking the rebound and pitching out for a fresh start. Watch steady Loughery, his ribs crushed by Lew Alcindor's knee, playing with a brace and saying it doesn't hurt. And listen to the precocious Carter talk about 6-11 George Johnson, the team's No. 1 draft choice. "We might have to move Wes Unseld to the front line to team up with Gus Johnson. And with Johnson and Johnson in the same lineup, we expect to wrap it up."

WEAK SPOTS: The Bullets have been called the worst defensive team in basketball. Now, this is an exaggeration. Four teams gave up more points than the Bullets and so what

if the best of the four was a 43-game loser? In Baltimore the best defense is a good offense. Defense? Gus Johnson plays it when he is inspired. Wes Unseld plays it because he plays everything. Kevin Loughery tries. Defense? Shhh. Boy, they pay you to put the ball in the hole. What's this talk about defense? Talk about offense. And talk about pain. The Bullets know something about pain. Like most people in the NBA they play with pain. Earl Monroe plays on knees that are so filled with arthritis he took a shot in each knee before every playoff game against the Knicks last year. If they did a urinalysis on Monroe and compared him to Dancer's Image they would give Peter Fuller the 1968 Kentucky Derby money in a minute. Monroe plays with such awful pain he pleads for a surgeon and no doctor will help him because no doctor can. Sometimes Monroe finishes dressing and tries to stand and can't straighten his knees.

Pain? Remember Loughery's ribs after Alcindor got through with them and how he didn't tell his wife and his mother he had discarded his cumbersome brace. Remember how they took a couple ounces of fluid off Gus Johnson's knee every so often. Remember Unseld saying, "No, they aren't going to operate on my knee." And the doctors said, "Yes we are." And Unseld said, "No." And they didn't. The whole team could collapse at any time.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: It is a pattern peculiar to that human known as a Baltimore Bullet to get down the floor lickety-split and throw that thing up as fast as he can. Except for Unseld, who is the Great Retriever and doesn't get the ball even when his man is in foul trouble. Pass the ball? Not on your life. And the Bullets get away with it, too. They are that good.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: They tend to defense as little as possible, with the rare exceptions of Unseld, Johnson and Loughery. There are some Bullets who have never suffered a defensive tendency in their lives, leaving coach Gene Shue to admit late in the season, "We are missing something." Shue, truly a nice man, wouldn't elaborate this time. But we know, don't we?

NEW FACES OF 1970: There will be three, but one is enough. The other two guys can go off in a corner and

scrimmage each other, maybe learn the one-on-one style. The one is George Johnson, a 6-11, 255-pound monster from amazing little Stephen F. Austin, which is threatening to become pro basketball's Grambling. The Bullets wanted Johnson so bad they gave Buffalo guard Mike Davis to get a switch in draft spots on the first round and get Johnson. He is supposedly so good he will force Wes Unseld to forward. Baltimore didn't get to draft again until the third round, lost that one and then we come to No. 4, Billy Jones of Louisiana Tech. The rest are just faces.

THE BIG IFS: If the Bullets don't come apart at the seams. That's a very big if. Trainer Skip Feldman and team physician earned their money last year. And Feldman has to double as traveling secretary, yet. Some teams list two physicians and some two trainers. The Bullets are unique. They have a consulting physical therapist.

SUM UP: This team will score a lot of points and win a lot of games. But the Bullets probably won't get past the Hawks in the Central Division. They just aren't solid. And even if they were to hold together long enough to advance in the playoffs they would have to meet the Knicks somewhere along the line. And when is the last time a team from Baltimore beat a team from New York in a championship round?

THE MANAGEMENT: Not bad. When owner Abe Pollin isn't seeing the ghosts of fans from Washington who never come to Baltimore he does a nice job. Asking a Washingtonian to come to Baltimore for anything except sin is like trying to lure a San Franciscan to Oakland for culture. Gene Shue is a solid coach, but he's like a trainer who is told to run a sprinter in the Belmont. The Bullets will look good for six furlongs.

The Baltimore Stars

EARL MONROE Guard No. 10
Winston-Salem 26 6-3½ 200

4th Year
Baltimore

The Pearl. It fits... Walt Frazier says, "I can't sleep the night before or the night after I play against the Pearl. I get these bad nightmares."... one of the most exciting players

Baltimore Bullets Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS NBA	COLLEGE
3	Fred Carter	G	6-3	190	25	1	Mt. St. Mary's
11	Brian Heaney	G	6-0	175	25	1	Acadia
25	Gus Johnson	F	6-6	225	32	7	Idaho
22	Kevin Loughery	G	6-3	190	30	8	St. John's
24	Jack Marin	F	6-6	210	26	4	Duke
14	Eddie Miles	G-F	6-5	195	30	7	Seattle
10	Earl Monroe	G	6-3	200	26	3	Winston-Salem
35	Al Tucker	F	6-8	190	27	3	Oklahoma Baptist
41	Wes Unseld	C	6-7	240	24	2	Louisville

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
—	George Johnson	C	6-11	255	22	Stephen F. Austin
—	Billy Jones	F	6-7	210	22	Louisiana Tech
—	Gary Zeller	G	6-3	205	22	Drake
—	Dennis Stewart	F	6-6	220	23	Michigan
—	Ben McGilmer	F	6-6	205	23	Drake
—	Melvin Bell	F	6-5	210	24	Houston
—	Bernard Copeland	F	6-7	215	22	Michigan

the game has... averaging just under 25 points a game for three years... honest about his profession. "If I had to give this up I'd simply go out and get another job. Of course, I couldn't make as much money."... Averaged over 28 points a game in first-round playoff series with Knicks... among the most mod of the mod, poker-faced to show indifference... he cares... in his own fashion.

WES UNSELD Center No. 41 3rd Year
Louisville 24 6-7 240 Baltimore

Whoever heard of a 6-7 center... in the pros... now? This is it. They list him as 6-8 because it's too ridiculous and he is 6-8 if you measure from the tip top of his natural hairdo... most valuable player in the league in rookie-of-the-year season... second-leading rebounder after Elvin Hayes last season with 16.7... would score a bit more, but he doesn't get the ball. Scored 13 points a game last season... shot .518... took 165 rebounds playing against Willis Reed in seven-game playoff with highs of 34 and 31... quiet and isn't overly impressed by himself.

GUS JOHNSON Forward No. 25 8th Year
Idaho 32 6-6 225 Akron, Ohio

A beautiful man with a voice that comes out at you deep and rich like it was aged in a keg... a flamboyant man on the court... you are not always sure Gus is right when he gives his opinion, but it always sounds good... came back from a knee operation for a solid 17.3 season that ended after a seven-game war with Dave DeBusschere... capable of sensational things like a two-minute playoff spurt in which he scored 12 points... blows hot and cold. When he is hot he is one of the most dangerous players in league.

KEVIN LOUGHERY Guard No. 22 9th Year
St. John's 30 6-3 190 Baltimore

Gene Shue said he couldn't see how Loughery could make the playoffs after a collision-accidental-with Alcindor broke three ribs... Loughery got a brace and played two

games with it, found the brace cumbersome and played the rest of the series without it... "If the ribs go, they go."... Averaged 21.9 points but played in only 55 games due to injuries... officer in players' association... unquestionably a bright, able man and the cohesive force on the court... Loughery is class.

JACK MARIN Forward No. 24 5th Year
Duke 26 6-6 210 Baltimore

Streak shooter, who averaged 19.7 points and made 49 per cent of his shots... unknown quantity in important late-game situations because he can't buy the ball from Monroe... has problem with temper. When he disagrees with official's decision he will complain for minutes... played with Duke's greatest teams.

FRED CARTER Guard No. 3 2nd Year
Mt. St. Mary's 25 6-3 190 Baltimore

A dandy young man... got his chance when Mike Davis broke hand three-quarters through season... became third guard and started when Loughery was lost... due to brief playing time most of way averaged 5.6 points, but scored 99 in seven playoff games... a nice kid who will develop into a solid performer.

EDDIE MILES Forward-Guard No. 14 8th Year
Seattle 30 6-5 195 Detroit

Celebrated Thanksgiving in February when dealt from Detroit. "I'm so happy. But it's too late for me. Why didn't it happen five years ago... a solid player who didn't make it with Bill van Breda Kolff and got very little chance after the trade

AL TUCKER Forward No. 35 4th Year
Oklahoma Baptist 27 6-8 190 Baltimore

Shot 51 per cent, but had less than 400 chances... good man for points coming off bench... brought over in trade with Chicago for Ed Manning Doesn't figure to get great deal of playing time

BRIAN HEANY Guard No. 11 2nd Year
Acadia 25 6-0 175 Acadia

Cut from roster and got chance when club hurt by injuries... brought back from Long Island job... a high school science teacher.

Top Rookies

GEORGE JOHNSON Center
Stephen F. Austin 22 6-11 255

One of five players drafted from Austin and one of those was a reserve. Another Austin player, a starter, still has eligibility... Club feels Johnson can move in and play right away... a natural... does best work inside at the boards, fairly good shooter... will give Bullets good, solid giant for first time

BILLY JONES Forward
Louisiana Tech 22 6-7 210

Good scorer... has fine chance to make team if only because there are openings after expansion draft, but won't get much chance to play now.

Television

Selected schedule of road games, WBAL-TV, Channel 11, Vince Bagli.

Radio

Home and away, WBAL (1090 kc), Jim Karvallas.



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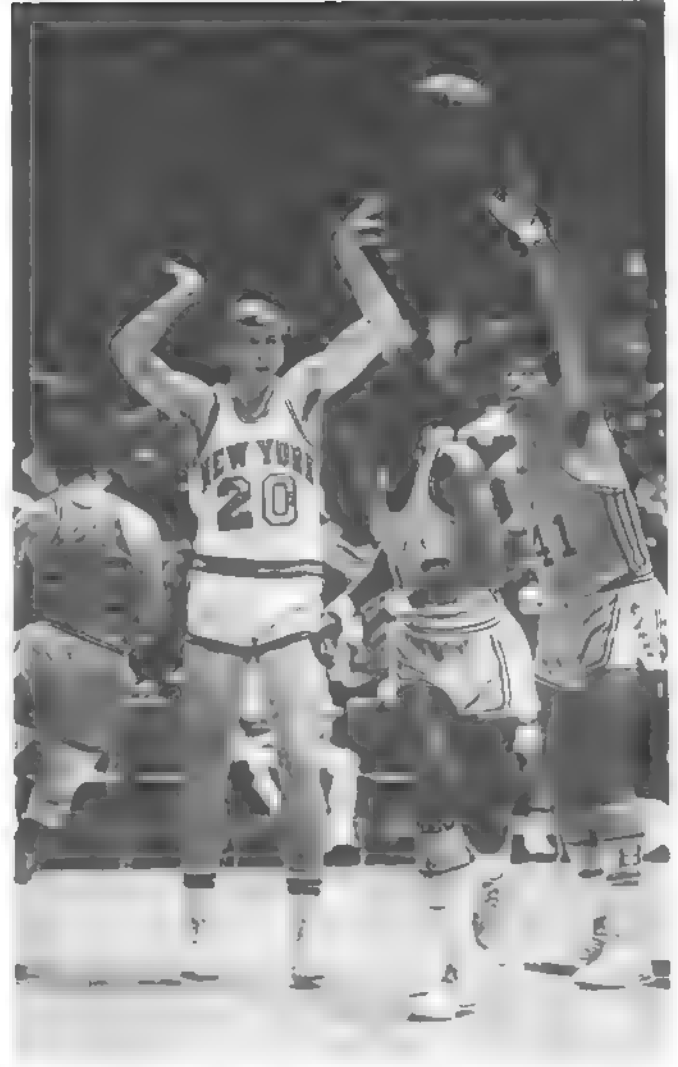
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SHUE



Unseld, in rear, outleaps teammate Gus Johnson (25) in an effort to block a Knick shot in game last season.



Circling Bullets leave ex-Knick Bill Hosket (20) like a helpless bird. They'll meet him in Buffalo this year.

Bullets Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind
1969-70	3	50	32	10
1968-69	1	57	25	—
1967-68	6	36	46	26

FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE

1969-70	Wes Unseld	.51.8
1968-69	Wes Unseld	.47.6
1967-68	Leroy Ellis	.47.5
1966-67	Don Ohl	.45.1
1965-66	Bailey Howell	.48.8

ASSISTS

1969-70	Earl Monroe	.4.9
1968-69	Earl Monroe	.4.8
1967-68	Earl Monroe	.4.3
1966-67	Johnny Egan	.3.9
1965-66	Kevin Loughery	.4.8

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind
1966-67	5	■	61	48
1965-66	■	■	42	7

SCORING

1969-70	Earl Monroe	.23.4
1968-69	Earl Monroe	.25.8
1967-68	Earl Monroe	.24.3
1966-67	Gus Johnson	.20.7
1965-66	Don Ohl	.20.6

REBOUNDING

1969-70	Wes Unseld	.16.7
1968-69	Wes Unseld	.18.2
1967-68	Ray Scott	.13.7
1966-67	Leroy Ellis	.12.0
1965-66	Bailey Howell	.9.9

BOSTON CELTICS

Watch JoJo White (10) in this defensive rush at the Knicks. A year's experience might make him a star.

Team Profile

Chairman of the Board E E. Erdman
 President John J. Waldron
 Executive Vice-President and
 General Manager Red Auerbach
 Assistant General Manager Jeffrey W. Cohen
 Secretary Bernard M. Althoff
 Treasurer Jerome Buren
 Coach Tom Heinsohn
 Director of Public Relations J. Howard McHugh
 Trainer Joe DeLauri
 Office: North Station, Boston, Mass., 02114
 Arena: Boston Garden (15,128)

TEAM COLORS: Green and White

1969-70 RECORD: Won 34, Lost 48, 6th in East

W	vs. East	L	W	vs. West	L
4	New York	3	0	Atlanta	6
1	Milwaukee	6	2	Los Angeles	4
2	Baltimore	5	3	Chicago	3
2	Philadelphia	4	2	Phoenix	4
3	Cincinnati	3	5	Seattle	1
4	Detroit	3	2	San Francisco	4
			4	San Diego	2
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16		24	18		24

1970-71 Division Alignment**NBA Atlantic Division**

Boston
Buffalo
New York
Philadelphia

STRONG POINTS: John Havlicek, Red Auerbach, the uniform and the black sneakers in that order. Havlicek is a master athlete, Auerbach a shrewd trader and the old uniform and sneakers may inspire an extra point or two in a key circumstance. Havlicek has been doing things so well for so long and so quietly he may be the most underpublicized highly publicized player in the league. He is really all that is left of the great era. There are a few holdovers like Don Nelson and, maybe, Satch Sanders if the old man's leg will give him another year, but that's about all there is—except for the outfit and the title pennants waving from the ceiling.

This is a new ballgame in Boston. Larry Seigfried and Bailey Howell are gone, the Jones boys are coaching and Bill Russell lecturing. Auerbach? Auerbach is trying to steal a little here and take enough there to put together a team Tom Heinsohn can have a chance with. There will be nights when the Celtics will have a chance. Havlicek. Remember? There is also JoJo White who played last year as though he plans to make something of himself. Nelson is still and Henry Finkel is sometimes adequate. After that it's the rookies and the younger players, mostly the rookies. The Celtics picked two they expect to be very good, 6-9 Dave Cowens of Florida State and Rex Morgan of Jacksonville, a 6-5 guard who is nicknamed Reckless Rex with good reason. Willie Williams, another from Florida State, could help.

WEAK SPOTS: They are everywhere. In order: Finkel cannot compete with the league's good centers. After White there is only one experienced guard on the team, Don Chaney, and he is probably the worst shooter in the league, including anyone you might be thinking of. Youngsters Steve Kuberski, Rich Johnson and Bill Dinwiddie have all played a little and none has shown very much at all. Boston was the only team operating with three centers last year and none did the job. If Sanders can come back from a bad knee injury he will add some class to the team, but Sanders helps most by

doing little things and little things aren't going to be enough. The Celtics will have a lot of trouble scoring. They are without an experienced man who can set up the offense and they don't have a man inside who can screen, block out and rebound effectively for them after Nelson. On defensive they are terribly weak in the middle.

NEW FACES OF 1970: All rookies. Morgan made a reputation when he helped guide Jacksonville to the NCAA finals where the team lost to UCLA. He is a smart player, a good shooter and a good passer. His size is a definite advantage. Cowens does not have a national reputation because his team was slapped down by the NCAA for violations. But it was a solid club and Cowens and Willie Williams, 6-7, were two of the reasons it went well. Red Auerbach says he would have picked Cowens first no matter who was available. Don't believe it, but he is good.

THE BIG IFs: The rookies. If they come through the Celtics may be respectable. The second if is Sanders. He went down in the last game of the season and was carried off the court. Sanders is 32, a tough age for recovering from bad knees.

SUM UP: The Celtics are very young, one of the youngest teams in the league. They will struggle and they will look very bad at times. But if the kids are as good as they seem to be, Boston will build on a firm foundation.

THE MANAGEMENT: Auerbach is the loudest man in the NBA now that Marty Blake is gone. He is also one of the smartest executives in the league, although Bill Russell made him look a little better than he really is, which he figures is superb. But at the top the organization is hurting. The club has been sold more often than a cheap claiming horse in recent years and the current parent company, Trans-National Corp., is in bad financial difficulty. The Celtics will be sold again before long.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Celtics used to like to use center as a dealer and may point to that if Dave Cowens makes it. Otherwise their offense consists of Johnny Havlicek and whatever Rex Morgan and JoJo White can muster off limited experience. Last year, the offense very nearly didn't exist.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Far more an individual man-for-man game than in the old days when Celtics could

Boston Celtics Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
28	Jim Barnes	C	6-8	240	29	6	Texas Western
12	Don Chaney	G	6-5	210	24	2	Houston
	Bill Dinwiddie	F	6-6	228	25	2	New Mex. Highlands
29	Henry Finkel	C	7-0	240	28	4	Dayton
17	John Havlicek	F	6-5	205	30	8	Ohio St.
27	Rich Johnson	C	6-10	215	23	2	Grambling
11	Steve Kuberski	F	6-8	215	23	1	Bradley
19	Don Nelson	F	6-6	210	29	8	Iowa
16	Tom Sanders	F	6-6	210	32	10	New York U.
10	JoJo White	G	6-3	190	23	1	Kansas
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
—	Dave Cowens	C	6-9	225	22		Florida St.
—	Rex Morgan	G	6-5	190	22		Jacksonville
—	Willie Williams	F	6-7	198	23		Florida St.
—	John McKinney	F	6-6	210	24		Norfolk St.
—	Tom Carter	F	6-5	220	22		Paul Quinn



Celtics' John Havlicek: once super-sub, now super-starter, he just about carries the Boston team.

overplay, knowing Russell was always there to save a too zealous man. Celts will try to double up again and apply a little pressure if Cowens is as effective as he was in college.

The Boston Stars

John Havlicek Forward No. 17
Ohio State 30 6-5 205

9th Year
Columbus, Ohio

The captain and one of the great clutch players the NBA has ever had... was forced to carry the team by himself last year and did everything, averaging 24.2 points, leading the club in rebounds (640), assists (550), points (1,960) and playing over a 1,000 minutes more than the No. 2 man, averaging 41 minutes a game out of 48... an all-star five

times... has the respect of the great players in the league as one of them... fine defensive player and rebounder, has quick acceleration, great body control. "Havlicek," says Dave DeBusschere, "is Havlicek. I can't compare him to anyone."

Don Nelson Forward No. 19
Iowa 30 6-6 210

9th Year
Natick, Mass.

A solid player who was just hanging on when Celtics picked him up from Lakers in '65... Boston's second-leading scorer lead season with 15.4... strong and aggressive, although not naturally gifted, yet has only fouled out 12 times in career... fine offensive rebounder with big hands... had some of best games in the playoffs in which scoring average is higher than career regular season average.

Tom Sanders Forward No. 16
New York U. 32 6-6 210

A quiet, dignified man who plays his role as a secondary figure on court brilliantly... so consistent scoring average beginning with second year has fluctuated only from 10.2 to 12.6... suffered knee injury that threatens career in last game of '69-70 season... secured million dollar loan two years ago from FHA to rehabilitate apartment buildings in Boston ghetto areas... is licensed in deal in securities, stocks and mutual funds... one of the cornerstones of Boston's defense during title years.

JoJo White Guard No. 10
Kansas 24 6-3 190

Missed a fourth of rookie season while on active duty in Marine Corps... showed enough in 60 games to indicate he has a fine future in the NBA, averaging 12.2 points in limited playing time... a true internationalist, he played in University Games in Tokyo, Pan American Games in Winnipeg and Olympics in Mexico City... averaged 15.3 points in college career... great ballhandler, good outside shooter, drives well, good defense.

Henry Finkel Center No. 29
Dayton 28 7-0 240

Joined team under unfavorable circumstances: having to play Bill Russell's position. Is no Russell but as wife says, "We don't get Russell's paycheck, either"... had more playing time than in first three pro years combined and averaged 9.7 points... Celtics say he is best shooting pivot man since Ed McCauley, which means he shoots better than Russell... long sideburns and slicked-down hair give him a country look

Steve Kuberski Forward No. 33
Bradley 23 6-8 215

Discovered and recommended by teammate Don Nelson, came up through tryout camps to make squad... passed up a final year of eligibility to sign with Boston... used sparingly, averaged 6.4 points, best among three reserve big men.

11th Year
Roxbury, Mass.

2nd Year
St. Louis

5th Year
Union City, N.J.

2nd Year
Moline, Ill.

Jim Barnes Center No. 28
Texas Western 29 6-8 240

Flashy dresser... drafted No. 1 by Knicks ahead of Willis Reed in '64... this is his fifth team... Known as Bad News in college, players in NBA call him No News because of limited playing time... plagued by injuries, one of which a concussion when knocked down by backwash of a jet at O'Hare Airport... born in Arizona, went to high school in Oklahoma, to college in Texas, lives in California.

Top Rookies

Dave Cowens Center
Florida State 22 6-9 230

His strength his defense and the Celtics need a good defensive big man... overmatched Artis Gilmore of Jacksonville to help hand that team only regular season defeat... averaged better than 17 rebounds a game all three years while scoring average was 18.9... adequate shooter... graduated with degree in criminology... very aggressive and could become Celts' chief enforcer.

Rex Morgan Guard
Jacksonville 22 6-5 190

Came to Jacksonville via Lake Land Junior College in Illinois where he averaged 33 points... scored 26.7 his junior year and 17.7 as senior while feeding Artis Gilmore... has good moves inside, shoots well enough outside to have made half his shots last season... Club figures he can start as rookie, expresses surprise at finding him available in the second round.

Willie Williams Forward
Florida State 23 6-7 198

Celtics' pick in third round of draft... shooter and good jumper... played beside Cowens as Florida State enjoyed its finest season... has fair chance to make it.

Television

WSMW, Channel 27 in Worcester, Mass. will televise almost all road games.

Radio

WBZ (1030 kc) with Johnny Most and Wayne Embry.

Celtics Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind
1969-70	5th	34	48	26	1966-67	2nd	60	21	8*
1968-69	4th	48	34	9*	1965-66	2nd	54	26	1*
1967-68	2nd	54	28	8*	*Won playoffs				

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	John Havlicek	24.2
1968-69	John Havlicek	21.6
1967-68	John Havlicek	20.7
1966-67	John Havlicek	21.4
1965-66	Sam Jones	23.2

Rebounding

1969-70	John Havlicek	7.8
1968-69	Bill Russell	19.3
1967-68	Bill Russell	18.6
1966-67	Bill Russell	21.0
1965-66	Bill Russell	22.8

Field Goal Percentage

1969-70	Don Nelson	50.1
1968-69	Bailey Howell	48.7
1967-68	Don Nelson	49.4
1966-67	Bailey Howell	51.2
1965-66	Sam Jones	46.9

Assists

1969-70	John Havlicek	6.8
1968-69	John Havlicek	5.4
1967-68	John Havlicek	4.7
1966-67	Bill Russell	5.8
1965-66	K.C. Jones	6.3

BUFFALO BRAVES



Dick Garrett (20 in light jersey) was an all-star rookie with the Lakers last season and is one of the bright hopes for the Braves.

Team Profile

President Phillip J. Ryan
 General Manager Edward Donovan
 Coach Dolph Schayes
 Traveling Secretary and Trainer Jerry McCann
 Director of Public Relations Jerry Kissel
 Office: Statler Hilton Hotel, Suite 1318, Buffalo, N.Y., 14202
 Arena: Buffalo Memorial Auditorium (12,500)

TEAM COLORS: Blue, Red and Gold
1969-70 RECORD: no team
1970-71 Division Alignment
 NBA Atlantic Division
 Boston
 Buffalo
 New York
 Philadelphia.

STRONG POINTS: The Braves drafted well, so well they may win 30 of their 82 games. And if they do that they will easily be the most successful of the three expansion teams. They have young guards who have already proven their ability to play in the NBA and they have a list of forwards with better than average potential.

Their first move was to take Baltimore guard Mike Davis in exchange for a draft pick and then they found themselves staring at an unprotected Dick Garrett, who for some wierd reasoning, did not fit in with Los Angeles' future plans. Then there are Em Bryant from Boston, Herm Gilliam from Cincinnati, Paul Long (Detroit), veteran Fred Crawford (Milwaukee) and rookie Chip Case. It's a good nucleus to pick from.

The forwards are not as established, but they have promise. Don May and Bill Hosket (former Knicks) and Mike Lynn will get their first real chance to play. John Hummer of Princeton looks solid and Mike Sillman comes out of the Army after a four-year basketball career that includes the Olympics.

The centers are another story, but Eddie Donovan is the general manager and he is the man who built the Knicks. Dolph Schayes is a quiet, patient man, the kind of coach this young team requires. The Braves are in good hands and an expansion club couldn't ask more.

WEAK SPOTS: There simply isn't a good center on the club and this will cost the Braves dearly. Nate Bowman, George Wilson and Bob Kauffman have all been rejected somewhere along the line. Rookie Cornell Warner of Jackson State may have a shot with this bunch. But ultimately, the job will probably wind up in the hands of Ray Scott, who ought to play forward. At 6-9, 230, Scott is strong. And at 31, after nine pro seasons, he knows his way around.

There will be other problems, of course, like molding a group of new faces into one lineup. The alternative would be to start May, Hosket and Bowman. They scrimmaged against the Knicks' first team all last season. Then there are Bryant and Crawford, who are ex-Knicks. And Silliman, who was Knick property. And Donovan, who was a Knicks coach. Quite obviously, the Braves will have problems no matter what lineup they choose. But that's what expansion is all about in professional sports.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The Braves won't be running crazy. They don't have the personnel to do it. They are not quick at all up front and they will play an offense as deliberate as the 24-second clock will allow.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Many of the Braves were defense oriented with their old clubs. This gives Schayes an advantage over the two other new clubs. But defense still comes down to the individual abilities of the players.

NEW FACES OF 1970: There are four rookies on the roster: center Cornell Warner, forwards John Hummer and Mike Silliman and guard Chip Case. Hummer, a 6-9 forward from Princeton, has a good future and played very well in the team's rookie games against Cleveland in June. Warner, also 6-9, may get a job off his ability as a rebounder and Silliman for his strong defensive abilities. Case, a 6-3 guard from



GEORGE WILSON



DICK GARRETT

Virginia, may have the toughest time winning a job due to a knee injury that was just one of a series of problems he encountered in college.

THE BIG IFs: The centers. If the centers, rather one center, comes through with creditable performance the Braves may do fairly well. If not, it will be a painful winter.

SUM UP: There is no point in cracking another Buffalo joke. It suffices that the weather is lousy and that if the prospective pivotmen don't come through for Schayes the weather will seem easy by comparison to the kind of season it will be. Imagine having lost 10 straight and having to take a plane out during a blizzard for a game in Portland the next afternoon.

Buffalo Braves Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
7	Em Bryant	G	6-1	175	31	6	DePaul
17	Nate Bowman	C	6-10	245	27	4	Wichita St.
15	Fred Crawford	G	6-4	200	29	4	St. Bonaventure
13	Mike Davis	G	6-3	185	23	1	Virginia Union
11	Dick Garrett	G	6-3	195	23	1	Southern Illinois
—	Herm Gilliam	G	6-3	190	23	1	Purdue
25	Bill Hosket	C-F	6-8	230	23	2	Ohio St.
44	Bob Kauffman	F	6-8	245	24	2	Guilford
—	Paul Long	G	6-2	180	26	2	Wake Forest
19	Mike Lynn	F	6-7	215	25	1	UCLA
22	Don May	G	6-4	220	23	2	Dayton
31	Ray Scott	F	6-9	235	31	9	Portland
33	George Wilson	F	6-8	230	28	6	Cincinnati

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
10	Chip Case	G	6-3	185	22	Virginia
45	John Hummer	F	6-9	225	21	Princeton
27	Mike Silliman	F	6-6	220	26	West Point
35	Cornell Warner	C	6-9	220	21	Jackson St.

THE MANAGEMENT· Eddie Donovan is here and that says enough. Carl Scheer was to have been vice-president, but he got a better offer from the ABA Carolina Cougars in July. Donovan is good enough to hold the fort. In fact, he may just be the best in the business.

The Buffalo Stars

Dick Garrett Guard No.
Southern Ill. 23 6-3 195 11

2nd Year

First player taken in the expansion draft after making the NBA all-rookie team. . . only two Lakers played more time than Garrett, who averaged 11.6 points while starting most of the season opposite Jerry West. . . found himself in a little deep against Knicks in championship series, but never panicked so long as he had some help. . . played with Walt Frazier in college. . . has a good future ahead of him.

Mike Davis Guard No. 13
Virginia Union 23 6-3 185

2nd Year

Acquired for draft choice late season when broken hand put him out for rest of year. . . was doing well with Bullets, averaging 12 points and shooting 44 percent. . . also named to NBA all-rookie team. . . played behind Earl Monroe, but came out cocky with a toothpick in his mouth at all times. . . was small college All-America with Virginia Union.

Ray Scott Center-Forward No. 31
Portland 31 6-9 235

10th Year

Worked 700 minutes fewer than in any other pro season, thus had worst offensive performance, 8.9 points a game, compared to 15.6 career average. . . Braves' second pick in draft and should see quite a bit of playing time. Called Chink by players in league because of Oriental appearance given by eyes.



Ex-Knicks reserve Nate Bowman may have to challenge Lew Alcindor on a full-time basis for Braves.



New Braves: l., ex-Knick Bill Hosket (in white), c., ex-Laker Mike Lynn, r., ex-Buck Fred Crawford.

Em Bryant Guard No. 7
Depaul 31 6-1 175

Would have the reputation as liveliest dresser in the league were he still in spotlight... expected to be put up in pool and said beforehand Buffalo only town he would consider because he (a) likes Ed Donovan and (b) is an Eastern type... acquired by Boston two years ago when he refused to report to Phoenix and played major role in Celtics' last championship... excellent ballhandler and passer... a good man.

7th Year
New York City

Fred Crawford Guard No. 15
St. Bonaventure 29 6-4 200

Starred for Bonnies under Ed Donovan, his general manager, big favorite in this area... taken from Milwaukee in expansion pool... responsible for helping Lew Alcindor adjust to pro life... a former Knick who also played for the Lakers... overcame tuberculosis to get into the prof... works with underprivileged youngsters in New York during off-season;

5th Year
New York City

Herm Gilliam Guard No. —
Purdue 23 6-3 195

Comes from Cincinnati... all-Big Ten at Purdue and twice the school's most valuable player, although he played in shadow of Rick Mount... hampered by leg injury last season and got little chance to play... still averaged 7.5 points... exceptionally fast and a not-bad shooter... plays defense well... Braves a little surprised he was available.

2nd Year

Mike Lynn Forward No. 19
UCLA 25 6-7 215

Played with UCLA title teams... got almost no chance with Lakers, working only 403 minutes... rugged defensive player.

2nd Year
Los Angeles

Nate Bowman Center No. 17
Wichita St. 27 6-10 245

The Knicks have Willis Reed and that tells you about Bowman's chances with them, looks awkward, but at times very effective... shoots a knuckleball and makes fair percentage... good rebounder... was given a special night in Garden last year and got a wire from his Swiss Fan Club... had best games against Alcindor.

5th Year
Ft. Worth, Tex.

Bill Hosket Center-Forward No. 25
Ohio State 23 6-8 230

First round draft pick of Knicks in 1968... played for

3rd Year
Dayton, Ohio

U.S. in Olympics... has been hampered by knee injury in pros... was Big 10 Player-of-the-year in '68... averaged 3.3 points per game last year.

Don May Guard No. 22
Dayton 23 6-4 220

Just wasn't room on the Knicks... second draft choice in 1968... high school teammate of Hosket's... 1968 NIT MVP... finest scorer in Dayton history... averaged 2.6 points a game last year.

3rd Year
Dayton, Ohio

Top Rookies

Chip Case Guard No. 10
Virginia 22 6-3 185

Braves' third draft choice... was named top player in state of Virginia last season... was a high school all-American at Lockport, N.Y., a community 30 miles from Buffalo... majored in religion in college... suffered knee injury in senior year but shows signs of making a complete recovery... one of better scorers in Atlantic Coast Conference.

Buffalo

John Hummer Forward No. 45
Princeton 21 6-9 225

No. 1 pick in draft by Braves... had outstanding games in June rookie camp series against Cleveland... brother Ed teamed at Princeton with Bill Bradley... outstanding jumper and tough rebounder who has brother's trademark: defense... majored in English in college.

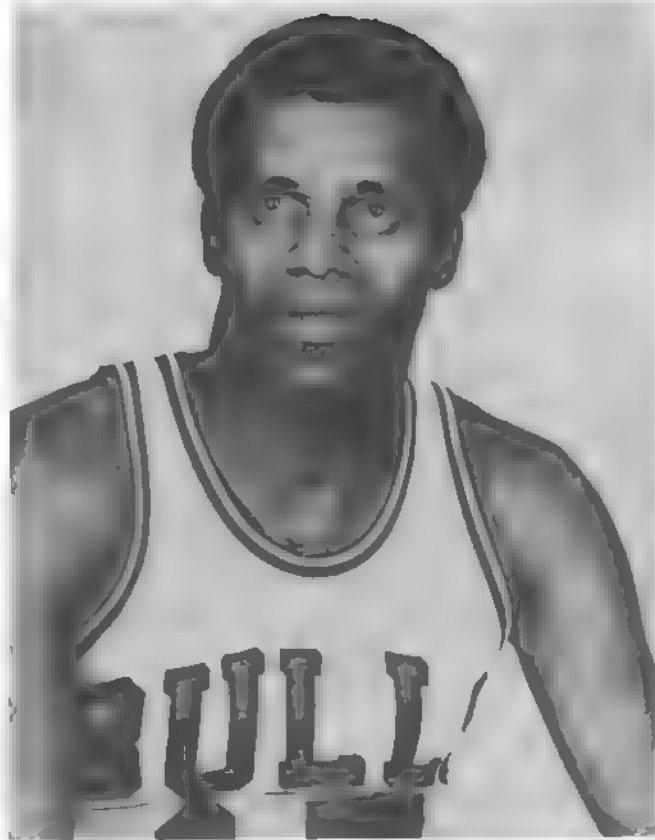
Mike Silliman Forward No. 27
West Point 26 6-6 220

So well thought of by Knicks drafted by them although he had military obligation... played basketball throughout Army tour... represented U.S. in Mexico Olympics... Army's leading scorer at West Point... very strong player who caught national attention during high school days in Louisville... style of play very similar to Dave DeBusschere.

Cornell Warner Center No. 35
Jackson State 21 6-9 220

Passed up final year of eligibility to turn pro... has strong resemblance to Walt Bellamy... was an outstanding outside shooter in college... NAIA All-American and team's No. 2 pick.

CHICAGO BULLS



Chet Walker, in dark jersey, with 76ers: Bulls traded for him and last year was his best as pro.

Team Profile

Chairman of the Board Edgar J. Higgins
 Executive Vice-President
 and General Manager Pat Williams
 Vice-President Newton P. Frye, Jr.
 Vice-President Harold M. Mayer
 Coach Dick Motta
 Director of Public Relations Ben Bentley
 Trainer Robert Biel
 Office: 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill., 60601
 Arena: Chicago Stadium (17,374)

TEAM COLORS: Red and White

1969-70 RECORD: Won 39, Lost 43, 3rd in West

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
2	Atlanta	5	0	New York	6
5	Phoenix	2	4	Milwaukee	2
4	Los Angeles	2	1	Baltimore	5
4	Seattle	3	3	Philadelphia	3
4	San Francisco	2	3	Boston	3
3	San Diego	4	3	Detroit	3
			3	Cincinnati	3
<u>22</u>		<u>18</u>	<u>17</u>		<u>25</u>

1970-71 Division Alignment
NBA Central Division
 Chicago
 Detroit
 Milwaukee
 Phoenix

STRONG POINTS: Half the 14 players seeking to take one of 12 places on Chicago's roster are new. And only one of these, center Jim Fox, has pro experience. It should mean good things to the Bulls, who slipped badly when they went past their starting club last season. The very best thing about this team is its backcourt. Jerry Sloan should be healthy again after missing almost 30 games with a severe groin pull and coach Dick Motta is so high on rookie guard Jimmy Collins he was willing to deal Clem Haskins to Phoenix to get Fox. Bob Weiss is a capable replacement with tall Shaler Halmon. The front court will be helped by the return of 6-5 John Baum who played in only three games because of his military commitment. Bob Love is a good-shooting forward and the Bulls are very high on 6-10 rookie Paul Ruffner of Brigham Young. These three will compete for one job. Chet Walker has the other and Walker is one of the best in the business. Fox, a good shooter, can split time with Tom Boerwinkle at center. The Bulls won't have the best pivot play in the league, but it will be steady. Thus is by no means a super team, but it is a competent club with a clever coach.

WEAK SPOTS: There are no glaring weaknesses, just as there are no overwhelming advantages. Chicago's reliance on its young players may cost the team early in the season. Another problem is team speed. Neither center has speed and the Bulls won't be able to run as well as a pro team should. Fox is not a good rebounder and Boerwinkle is not a good scorer. Chicago is one of the few teams in the NBA that shows no definite pattern. For example, the Bulls were totally incapable of handling the Knicks, Bullets and Hawks last season, which is to be expected. They were, however, able to win their season's series from Milwaukee, Phoenix and Los Angeles, which is something of a contradiction.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The Bulls are a team of jump-shooters, something Motta would like to change because on a cold night this sort of club hasn't a chance. But change will come slowly and there will be nights such as one last season against the Knicks when the Bulls were going bad. Suddenly, Chet Walker got hot. But Dave DeBusschere turned him off. Bob Love got hot. DeBusschere turned him off. Former Bull Al Tucker got hot. DeBusschere turned him. And the Bulls lost.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The best work came from the backcourt where Sloan and Haskins would at times apply pressure. The hope is Collins can fill this role with Haskins gone, but there is no indication the Bulls will be able to give them more help.

NEW FACES OF 1970: Center Jim Fox, forwards Baum and Ruffner should give Chicago much more depth inside, while Collins tries to take over in the backcourt. Weber State's Dan Sparks and North Carolina A&T's Lonnie Kluttz are other forward candidates.

SUM UP: The Bulls should be steady, avoiding the long drought that put them in a deep hole last season. "We were like flower children, spreading joy and happiness wherever we went," Motta said. However, this team does not appear capable of a sustained run for the top, either.

THE MANAGEMENT: Much improved with Pat Williams, basketball's Bill Veeck, taking over in the front office last season and bringing the organization to life. Williams' stunts and coach Dick Motta's sound coaching brought the average attendance up from 3,500 to 10,050. For the first time, the Bulls made money. In the past, the Bulls had done such things as pass up Walt Frazier—for Haskins—because Frazier came expensive.

The Chicago Stars

Chet Walker Forward No. 25
Bradley 30 6-6 220

9th Year

An outstanding performer whose last five seasons have been remarkably consistent... last year was Walker's first as a Bull after Philadelphia traded him for Jim Washington and it was Walker's best year as a pro... he averaged 21.5 points and shot .477... he was the second-best foul shooter in the NBA (85 percent) and a solid rebounder... one of the best at working one-on-one along the baseline... a four-time all-star... his 65-game playoff average is almost three points higher than for career regular season.

Jerry Sloan Guard No. 4
Evansville 28 6-5 200

6th Year

The Bulls took Sloan from Baltimore in the expansion draft and it was one of the best deals a first-year team ever made... came out of Evansville without a national reputation and has since made one in the NBA... a fine playmaker and a solid defensive player. Sloan was in only 53 games last year due to a severe muscle pull suffered when he fell in a game in late January... has close to 15-point career average since becoming a regular in Chicago... twice small college All-America and led Evansville to unbeaten season in 1965.

Tom Boerwinkle Center No. 18
Tennessee 24 7-0 270

3rd Year

The biggest man in the NBA, Boerwinkle is now beginning to handle himself, although he still doesn't score well... took an average of 12.5 rebounds last year to place among the leaders while scoring 10.4 a game... The Bulls refer to



JOHN BAUM



BOB WEISS



BOB LOVE



JERRY SLOAN

Chicago Bulls Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
14	John Baum	F	6-5	200	23	1	Temple
31	Jim Fox	C	6-20	225	27	3	South Carolina
2	Shaler Halimon	G	6-6	200	25	1	Utah State
10	Bob Love	F	6-8	215	27	4	Southern U.
4	Jerry Sloan	G	6-5	200	28	5	Evansville
25	Chet Walker	F	6-6	220	30	8	Bradley
8	Bob Weiss	G	6-3	185	28	5	Penn State
18	Tom Boerwinkle	C	7-0	270	24	2	Tennessee
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
22	Jimmy Collins	G	6-2	175	23		New Mexico
—	Willie Griffin	G	6-3	175	23		Southern Illinois
—	Lonnie Kluttz	F	6-7	220	24		North Carolina A&T
44	Paul Ruffner	F	6-10	225	22		Brigham Young
—	Dan Sparks	F	6-8	210	24		Weber State
—	Jimmy Wilson	G	5-11	175	22		Cheney State



Biggest  in , Tom Boerwinkle, here tipping ball in hoop, is Bulls'  .

him as "the big brute"... shooting improved from first season's .389 to .443 and fouled out four times last year compared to 11 as rookie... will never be a flashy center, but should become more than competent as he gains experience.

Bob Weiss Guard No. 8
Penn State 28 6-3 185

6th Year

Very quick, a good defensive player, who has a nice outside touch... put in considerable playing time last season with Sloan out and performed creditably, averaging 11.3 points.

Bob Love Forward No. 10
Southern U. 27 6-8 215

5th Year

Played nearly 500 minutes more last year than in first three seasons combined and scored over 500 points more than first three-year totals, averaging 21 points a game and shooting with deft touch from corners and outside... Obviously, Butterbean just never had a chance to show himself... wash 19th in league in scoring last year.

Jim Fox Center No. 31
South Carolina 27 6-10 225

4th Year

One of the best shooting big men in the game, made .526 percent of his shots for Phoenix last season, many of them from medium range... played briefly for Cincinnati and Detroit after just missing in his first try at the league and then spending two years in Europe where he played for a non-English speaking Spanish coach and later a Belgian team "in arenas that were unheated," he recalls. "They poured water on the floor and if it froze by game time they called it off..." averaged almost 13 points last two years.

John Baum Forward No. 14
Temple 23 6-5 200

2nd Year

Second-leading scorer in Temple history behind Guy

Rodgers... never played high school ball... appeared in only three games last season, doing 13 minutes, because of military commitment... very quick and sturdy.

Shaler Halimon Guard No. 19
Utah State 25 6-6 200

2nd Year

Third-highest scorer in Utah State history, although played only two years after junior college... used sparingly last year, but had big moment against Milwaukee, scoring on two long jump shots in last three seconds to send game into overtime... thought he had won it and was so excited ran into dressing room and jumped into the shower only to learn game still going in arena... Bulls won.

Top Rookies

Jim Collins Guard No. 22
New Mexico 23 6-2 175

1st Year

Top draft choice of Bulls... "In getting Collins we got what could potentially be one of the great playmakers in the NBA," Motta says... will speed up Chicago's game, giving the team the kind of style Motta has wanted... one of the great players to come out of New Mexico.

Paul Ruffner Forward No. 44
Brigham Young 22 6-10 225

1st Year

Strong, good rebounder, will add power to Chicago's front-line group... fair shooter, good prospect, team's second-round pick.

Television

WGNT (Channel 9), selected road games.

Radio

Home and away games on WGN.

Bulls Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	3rd	39	43	9	1967-68	4th	29	53	27
1968-69	5th	33	49	22	1966-67	4th	33	48	11

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	Chet Walker	21.5
1968-69	Bob Boozer	21.7
1967-68	Bob Boozer	21.5
1966-67	Guy Rodgers	18.0
	Bob Boozer	18.0

Field Goal Percentage

1969-70	Chet Walker	47.7
1968-69	Bob Boozer	48.0
1967-68	Bob Boozer	49.2
1966-67	Bob Boozer	48.7

Rebounding

1969-70	Tom Boerwinkle	12.5
1968-69	Tom Boerwinkle	11.1
1967-68	Jim Washington	10.0
1966-67	Jerry Sloan	9.1

Assists

1969-70	Clem Haskins	7.6
1968-69	Clem Haskins	3.9
1967-68	Keith Erickson	3.4
1966-67	Guy Rodgers	11.2

CINCINNATI ROYALS



Royals' firebrand Tom Van Arsdale (5) is their best offensive weapon now that Oscar Robertson has gone to the Milwaukee Bucks.

Team Profile

Chairman of the Board Max W. Jacobs
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 Coach Bob Cousy
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 Trainer Joe Keefe
 Office: Cincinnati Gardens, 2250 Seymour Ave., Cincinnati,
 Ohio, 45212
 Arena: Cincinnati Gardens (12,155)

TEAM COLORS: Red, Royal Blue and White

1969-70 RECORD: Won 36, Lost 46,

W	vs. East	L	W	vs. West	L
2	New York	5	3	Atlanta	3
2	Milwaukee	5	2	Los Angeles	4
3	Baltimore	4	3	Chicago	3
4	Philadelphia	3	3	Phoenix	4
3	Boston	3	1	Seattle	5
4	Detroit	2	2	San Francisco	4
			4	San Diego	2
18		22	18		25

1970-71 Division Alignment

NBA Central Division

Atlanta

Baltimore

Cincinnati

Cleveland

STRONG POINTS: The Royals have remade themselves from chronic, aging failures to chronic, young failures with one advantage: they are improving. Bob Cousy tore down their house, rather than remodel it. He sent Jerry Lucas away and he literally gave Oscar Robertson away and while more can be said in favor of the former decision than the latter the Royals are on the way up, however, long the way may be.

Cousy wants a quick-striking team and he apparently has one. He drafted very well, bringing in 6-1 Nate Archibald and 6-10 Sam Lacey. He broke publicly with Robertson and attendance in Cincinnati improved to 4,869 per game, not great maybe, but 69 fewer people than the best average the team has ever had. People came to taunt Cousy, not to praise him, but they came. This year they may come more often to watch a team that will certainly be more exciting than those a sick franchise fielded in recent years.

And they will find a blending of familiar faces: the superb Tom Van Arsdale; the man who drank from the Fountain of Youth, Johnny Green; flashy Norm Van Lier. Center Connie

Dierking is back for his sixth season with the Royals and, although he is 34, coming off his best season. Dierking will eventually give way to Lacey—for good. The rest of the cast isn't bad in a supporting role: Jim King, picked up from San Francisco, but hurt most of last season; forward Fred Foster; 6-9 Charlie Paulk (when he gets out of the Army), and guard Flynn Robinson, Milwaukee's way of saying thank you for Oscar, although the gesture won't be totally appreciated by Royals' fans. And shouldn't be.

WEAK SPOTS: The team is young where it is strong and it will have to look toward Van Arsdale for guidance. For all of his ability Van is not a playmaker. Guard Van Lier is not an accomplished playmaker and young Archibald can be best used as a scorer, the only role with which he is totally familiar. There will be no problem replacing Dierking with Lacey. They may even play together for a time, but not as a permanent combination, and the Royals dropped off noticeably last season when it became necessary to give Green his frequent rest periods. Paulk may be of some help and Robinson will have good nights as he did with Milwaukee, but it is difficult to take him too seriously after his collapse in the playoffs. Robinson is only 6-1 which means the Royals will have probably the smallest backcourt in the NBA. This will create mismatches and will cause them grief and make them losers more often than they are winners.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Royals will be a running, breaking team that will get its playmaking from Tom Van Arsdale and Norm Van Lier. However, Bob Cousy wants a quick team that goes so there will be little if any pattern basketball.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Last year Royals were third-worst in points allowed so their defense was fairly nonexistent. With their little backcourt there is no reason to

expect them to be very improved this time around.

NEW FACES OF 1970: Cincinnati fans will be able to watch one potentially great rookie in Sam Lacey, an entertaining one in Archibald and two others who may add strength to the forwards, Doug Cook, 6-6 from Davidson, and Greg Hyder, 6-6 from Eastern New Mexico. There is also 7-1 Charles Bishop, a 250-pounder from Louisiana Tech. Then there are Flynn Robinson and Charlie Paulk from Milwaukee. Lacey is so big and so strong he will help right away. Archibald is a good leaper, a flashy scorer and will get a chance to do his thing the way he did at Texas-El Paso. Paulk is basically an unknown and Robinson is too well known. If the Royals have to count on him for more than occasional scoring flurries they will have a bad problem because Flynn cannot penetrate inside and is not much of a passer. He cost Milwaukee several games last year when he demonstrated a tenacious inability to get the ball to Lew Alcindor.

THE BIG IF: The guards and depth at forward. The suspicion is that for all their flash the Royal backcourt will not be able to do the job in pressure situations because of its physical limitations. And the forward positions will be weak unless the young players can help right away.

THE MANAGEMENT: What can you say for an organization that claims an inability to afford Oscar Robertson while it pays its coach \$100,000 and claims to have given a young center (Lacey) a contract of extraordinary proportions—and then announces the retirement of the Big O's number? Wouldn't Oscar's shirt look terrific some night when the Royals are taking a beating and there is No. 14 hanging empty?

SUM UP: The Royals will be flashy. They will run a lot and they will have nights when they will score a lot. But they

Cincinnati Royals Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
21	Wally Anderzunas	F	6-7	220	24	1	Creighton
24	Connie Dierking	C	6-2	235	34	9	Cincinnati
15	Fred Foster	F	6-5	215	24	2	Miami (O.)
20	Johnny Green	F	6-6	220	37	11	Michigan St.
17	Jim King	G	6-2	175	29	7	Tulsa
18	Charles Paulk	F	6-9	220	24	1	NE Oklahoma St.
30	Flynn Robinson	G	6-1	190	29	4	Wyoming
25	Bill Turner	F	6-7	220	26	3	Akron
5	Tom Van Arsdale	F-G	6-5	215	27	5	Indiana
23	Norm Van Lier	G	6-1	175	23	1	St. Francis (Pa.)

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
10	Nate Archibald	G	6-0	155	22	Texas El-Paso
—	Mike Bernard	F	6-5	205	22	Kentucky St.
—	Charles Bishop	C	7-1	250	22	Louisiana Tech
22	Doug Cook	F	6-6	220	22	Davidson
—	Wade Fuller	G	6-4	190	21	Loyola Chicago
16	Greg Hyder	F	6-6	220	23	E. New Mexico
—	Carl Johnson	C	6-10	240	22	Gustavus-Adolphus
44	Sam Lacey	C	6-10	235	22	New Mexico St.
—	Bob Mabry	F	6-6	210	23	Rio Grande
—	Joe McBride	F	6-4	225	23	Augusta
—	Uluss Thompson	F	6-7	205	22	Wiley

will give up much more than they get. Their future is much brighter than their present.

The Cincinnati Stars

Tom Van Arsdale Guard-Forward No. 5
Indiana 27 6-5 215

6th Year
Cincinnati

An outstanding athlete, a sharp man... had pleasure of playing in last year's All-Star game with brother Dick competing for the other side (the West)... team leader when Robertson was out, scored 22.8 per game while having his finest season... played with brother in high school and

college... they were inseparable from birth to the NBA draft in 1965... almost quit game after languishing on bench in Detroit until traded to Royals late in '68 season... quiet, intelligent athlete, highly respected throughout the league.

Johnny Green Forward No. 20
Michigan State 37 6-6 200

12th Year
Roosevelt, N.Y.

Was doing his incredible leaping, running thing in New York last year when fan upstairs called out, "You're beautiful, Johnny Green." He is... great comeback story told he could not make squad in Philadelphia last fall, asked for his release and went shopping... turned down by



Van Arsdale drives hard against Chicago Bulls



NATE ARCHIBALD



CONNIE DIERKING



BILL TURNER



SAM LACEY

Celtics who didn't want to assume part of his pension burden, called Cousy. . . "Are you the same Johnny Green I remember?" Cousy asked. . . Green had a new chance . . . shot .559 percent while averaging 15.6 points for Royals. . . played 2278 minutes, most time played since '63. . . a class man.

Connie Dierking Center No. 24 **10th Year**
Cincinnati 34 6-2 235 **Cincinnati**

Coming off best season. . . steady 16-point plus scorer last three seasons. . . among last surviving hook shot artists . . . played behind John Kerr, Wilt Chamberlain and Wayne Embry before getting chance to play regularly in '69. . . not a really good rebounder, but blocks out well for others . . . only man in family, he has four daughters.

Norm Van Lier Guard No. 23 **2nd Year**
St. Francis (Pa.) 23 6-1 175 **Midland, Pa.**

Exceptionally quick. . . played more minutes (2895) than any other Royal last year. . . had 500 assists and averaged 9.5 points. . . was in danger of having to serve two years in Army when declared 4F. . . averaged 18.8 points in three years with St. Francis College.

Fred Foster Forward No. 15 **3rd Year**
Miami (O.) 24 6-5 215 **Cincinnati**

Had good sophomore year, averaging 14.8 points after spending most of rookie season on bench. . . quiet man of the Royals. . . among leading scorers in nation senior year at Miami of Ohio with 26.8 average. . . has played in backcourt . . . strong, but not quite big enough to be effective round the basket.

Flynn Robinson Guard No. 30 **5th Year**
Wyoming 29 6-1 185 **Milwaukee**

Began pro career with Royals, then moved to Chicago and Milwaukee before coming back . . . Milwaukee's second-leading scorer with 21.8 last year . . . streak shooter, devastating when hot. . . one of the best very best in foul shooting, led the league in '70 with .898 on 489 chances. . . only fair playmaker. . . obviously out with Bucks when benched during Knick playoff, came over in Oscar Robertson deal.

Jim King Guard No. 17 **8th Year**
Tulsa 29 6-2 175 **Tulsa, Okla.**

Disabled by series of injuries last three seasons, steady performer when healthy. . . came to Royals in Jerry Lucas deal. . . does everything well, could be good influence on backcourt if his legs hold up. . . best year '67 when averaged 16.7 for Warriors.

Bill Turner Forward No. 13 **4th Year**
Akron 26 6-7 220 **Daly, Calif.**

Another party to Lucas trade. . . averaged 7.2 points as reserve forward, playing all but three of 72 games for Royals. . . a fine jumper, can fill in when necessary.

Top Rookies

Sam Lacey Center No. 44
New Mexico State 22 6-10 235

Superb rebounder and shot-blocker. . . averaged 15.9 rebounds for New Mexico State and 14.8 for career. . . averaged 17.8 points last year. . . top draft choice. . . strong, quick, agile and will move right in to help the club.

Nate Archibald Guard No. 10
Texas-El Paso 22 6-0 155

Has tremendous body control. . . called "The Roller Skate. . ." averaged 21.4 points for college club last season and shot .512 field goals and .782 free throws. . . jumps well enough to stuff ball. . . was to inherit Oscar Robertson's number until management thought better of it.

Doug Cook Forward No. 22
Davidson 22 6-6 220 **Ho Ho Kus, N.J.**

College team's third-best scorer with 15.6 as senior, scoring on half his shots and averaging 10.2 rebounds. . . very strong and very good in clutch situations.

Grey Hyder Forward
E. New Mexico 22 6-6 220

Very quick and agile, played the high post in college. . . tough defensive player and excellent scorer. . . averaged 23.1 points and made .556 of shots senior year. . . all-NAIA two years.

Royals Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Last	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	5th	36	46	24	1966-67	3rd	39	42	29
1968-69	5th	41	41	16	1965-66	3rd	45	35	10
1967-68	5th	39	43	23					

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	Oscar Robertson	25.3
1968-69	Oscar Robertson	24.7
1967-68	Oscar Robertson	29.2
1966-67	Oscar Robertson	30.5
1965-66	Oscar Robertson	31.3

Field Goal Percentage

1969-70	Johnny Green	.55.9
1968-69	Jerry Lucas	.55.1
1967-68	Jerry Lucas	.51.9
1966-67	Oscar Robertson	.49.3
1965-66	Happy Hairston	.48.9

Rebounding

1969-70	Johnny Green	10.8
1968-69	Jerry Lucas	18.4
1967-68	Jerry Lucas	19.0
1966-67	Jerry Lucas	20.0
1965-66	Jerry Lucas	21.1

Assists

1969-70	Oscar Robertson	6.8
1968-69	Oscar Robertson	9.8
1967-68	Oscar Robertson	10.7
1966-67	Oscar Robertson	11.1
1965-66	Oscar Robertson	11.5

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS



Left, Len Chappel (50), now with Cavaliers, loses ball as he goes up for shot; top, Walt Wesley is pivot prospect; bottom, Don Ohl can still shoot.

Team Profile

President Nick J. Mileti
 Coach/Director of Player Personnel Bill Fitch
 Assistant Coach Jim Lessig
 Operations Manager Stephan Zayac
 Director of Public Relations Bob Brown
 Trainer
 Office: 3717 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, 44105
 Arena: Cleveland Arena (11,000).

TEAM COLORS: Cavalier Wine and Gold
 1969-70 RECORD: none, first year.

1970-71 Division Alignment.
 NBA Central Division
 Atlanta
 Baltimore
 Cincinnati
 Cleveland

STRONG POINTS: Looking for a strong point when evaluating an expansion team is as difficult as the seeking out of an honest man. One must understand that a strong point for an expansion team is just that and should not be confused with comparison to more established organizations. Keeping this in perspective you will find that Cleveland did not do badly at all.

The organization, realizing it could not go for strength at all positions, went for guards and centers in the expansion draft. It came out with two rather pedestrian but competent big men in Walt Wesley, 6-11 from Chicago, and Luther Rackley, 6-10 from Cincinnati. Neither man is to be confused with the best in the league, but neither man is going to be a source of extreme embarrassment. Cleveland did even better in the backcourt, taking two potentially outstanding guards in Butch Beard, from Atlanta, and John Warren, from New York, along with Don Ohl, Atlanta, and little Johnny Egan, Los Angeles, two veterans who will not collapse when others might. There is an assortment of familiar—if not famous—names in the background, including forwards McCoy McLemore, Detroit, and Len Chappell, both of whom should make the team. But Cleveland is in trouble if they have to be the starting forwards. Hopefully, rookies John Johnson, Dave Sorenson and Surry Oliver will develop quickly enough to take over.

WEAK POINTS: Quite obviously an expansion team's weakest point is that it is developed around players nobody else really wanted, actually, the eighth through 12th men from each veteran team. The problem of fitting this group in with rookies taken midway through each round of the college draft makes for a less than ideal situation. In Cleveland's case it will be a matter of developing its corner

men, while at the same time operating with centers who are not scorers and guards Warren and Beard who spent most of their rookie seasons watching. Beard got far more playing time than did Warren and averaged 7.3 points. He should do well, but Cavaliers must wait until he completes military service obligation to get his valuable services.

While all this is going on, coach Bill Fitch will be adjusting to the pro game. Fitch was successful no matter where he coached in college—and he coached a lot of places—but working with the pros is a brand new bag. His greatest adjustment may be in learning how to work with a guaranteed loser. The NBA may be shipshod in some areas, but it does make sure its new teams pay more than financial dues. Cleveland does not have the personnel to score heavily and it does not have the personnel to prevent the opposition from making points. It will lose quite often.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The Cavaliers will have to get their points out of their young guards and forwards, perhaps looking for the move inside with the centers getting out of the way and going with the ball only when they have the opening.

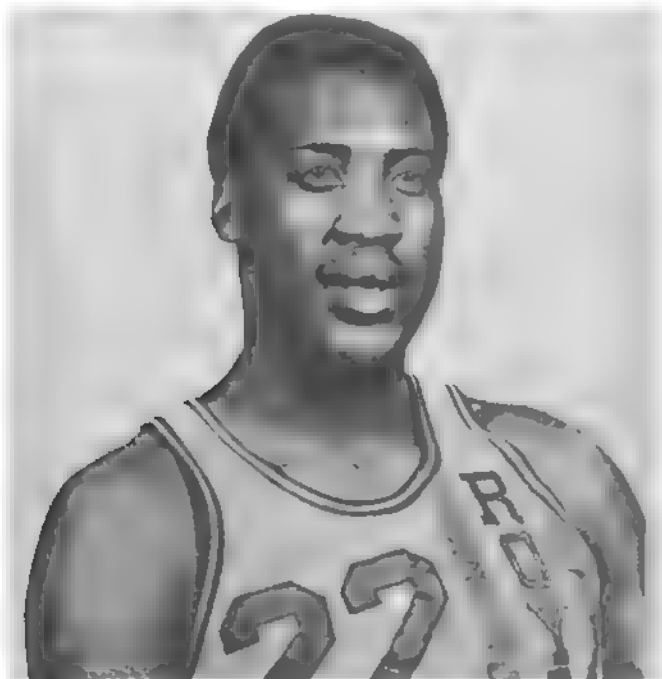
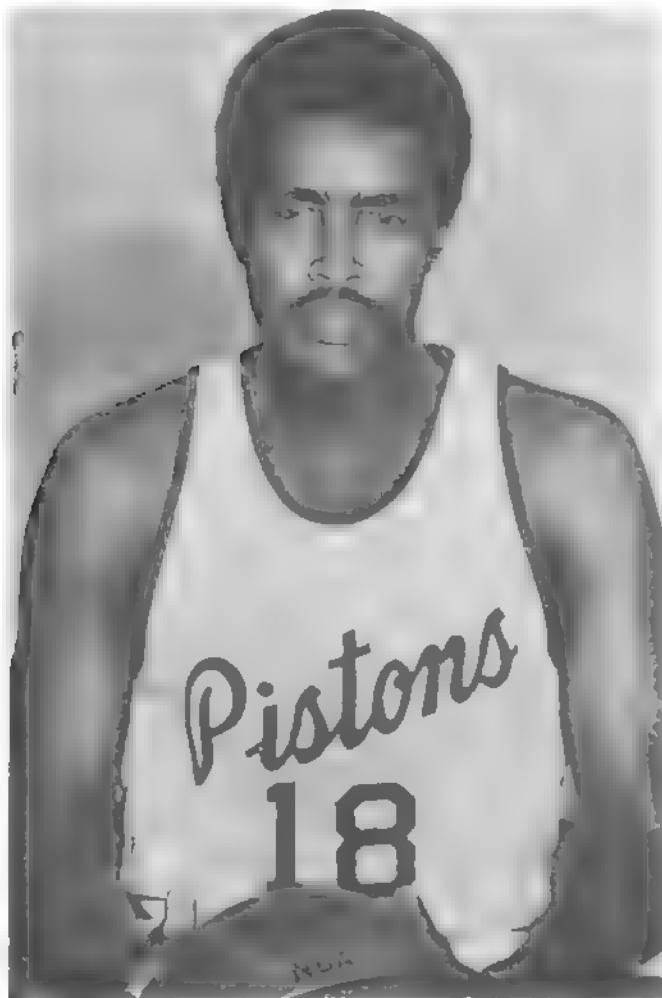
DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Here a man like Wesley can help because of his size and strength but switching man-for-man defense is as much team-acquired as personally learned and the Cavaliers will probably have no defense for a while.

NEW FACES OF 1970: All of them quite obviously, but there are a few who bear watching, like the three rookie forwards, Johnson, Sorenson and Oliver. These three will pretty much determine whether Fitch can build from his present nucleus. All three are big enough—Sorenson at 6-8 and the other two at 6-7—and all three can score from

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—	Butch Beard	G	6-3	185	23	1	Louisville
—	Len Chappell	F	6-8	240	29	8	Wake Forest
—	John Egan	G	6-0	180	31	9	Providence
—	Skip Harlicka	G	6-1	185	24	1	South Carolina
—	Bob Lewis	G	6-3	175	25	3	North Carolina
—	McCoy McLemore	F	6-7	235	28	6	Drake
—	Don Ohl	G	6-3	180	34	10	Illinois
—	Loy Peterson	G	6-5	205	25	2	Oregon St.
—	Luther Rackley	C	6-10	220	24	1	Xavier (O.)
—	Bobby Smith	F	6-5	212	24	1	Tulsa
—	John Warren	G	6-3	180	23	1	St. John's
—	Walt Wesley	C	6-11	220	25	4	Kansas
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
—	Narvis Anderson	C	6-10	225	22		Stephan F. Austin
—	John Johnson	F	6-7	190	22		Iowa
—	Tom Lagodich	F	6-7	215	22		Kent State
—	Frank Lukacs	F	6-8	225	23		Miami (O.)
—	Dan Obrovac	C	6-10	250	24		Dayton
—	Surry Oliver	F	6-7	205	22		Stephan F. Austin
—	Walter Robinson	G	6-0	173	22		Loyola—Chicago
—	Dave Sorenson	F	6-8	213	22		Ohio State
—	Gary Suiter	C	6-9	228	23		Midwestern
—	Glenn Vidnovic	F	6-6	170	22		Iowa

medium range, a basic requirement in the NBA. Johnson, a bit too slender at 190, was the second-leading scorer in the Big Ten behind Rick Mount. Sorenson was a very steady performer for Ohio State and Oliver one of the spectacular group from Stephen F. Austin.



Top, McCoy McClemons adds singing and rebounding talent. Bottom, Luther Rackley moves north from Cincinnati.

SUM UP: The young forwards and the progress made by Beard and Warren will tell the story. Both young guards are talented, pleasant fellows who feel they were not given a solid chance. And both of them are smart enough to know they couldn't expect a lot of playing time with teams that they were driving for the title. This is their chance.

THE MANAGEMENT: One must wonder about any organization which founds a team in Cleveland, then calls it the Cavaliers and, on top of all this, adopts the only known motto in the NBA: "Never surrender no matter what the odds." At least Miletic's group has no apparent illusions. And it may be sound enough to run a solid organization if its drafting is an indicator.

The Cleveland Stars

Butch Beard Guard No. _____ 2nd Year
Louisville 23 6-3 185

Atlanta's top draft choice a year ago... third-leading scorer in University of Louisville history with 1,580 points in 83 games... did almost nothing for Hawks early in season but began to develop and became expendable only because of heavy guard situation in Atlanta... scored 501 points in 941 minutes, a pace that would have made him one of league's top scorers had he played regularly... "One of these days," Knick Walt Frazier said, "Beard will be one of the league's best."

... it won't be this year, however, as he's been drafted into military service.

John Warren Guard No. _____ 2nd Year
St. John's 23 6-3 180 Far Rockaway, N.Y.

Called the Ice Man for his coolness at St. John's where he averaged 19.3 points his senior year... Knicks' top draft pick last year... spent the championship season watching from bench... very quick and oriented toward defensive play... comes to Cavaliers with equivalent of less than six full games experience.

Walt Wesley Center No. _____ 5th Year
Kansas 25 6-11 220

Averaged 9.5 points playing less than half of every game for Chicago... Cincinnati's top draft choice in 1966 after starring for Kansas for three years... has good moves inside and was expected to be a more outstanding performer than he's shown so far... will probably split time with Rackley.

Luther Rackley Center No. _____ 2nd year
Xavier (Ohio) 24 6-10 220 Cincinnati

Called by Spencer Haywood "the toughest man I faced in college," Rackley made 56 per cent of his shots his senior year, averaging 17.5 points... Scored 7.6 a game for Royals in rookie season, playing 1,256 minutes... suffered when Bob Cousy gave up on him in mid-season, saying "What can I do with a center who was mediocre in college?"... may yet show he is better than Cousy thought.

Johnny Egan Guard No. _____ 10th Year
Providence 31 6-0 180 Wethersfield, Conn.

Now working for fifth NBA team... only weakness is his size as he is among the last six-footers in the game... a superb college performer... heady player, scored 7.2 a game for Lakers last season when he was troubled by severe groin pull injury... will add steadiness to a young team.

Don Ohl Guard No. _____ 11th Year
Illinois 34 6-3 190 Edwardsville, Ill.

Has scored over 11,500 points in 10 pro seasons... had best years with Baltimore, '65-'67, when averaged 18.4, 20.6, 20.3... missed last quarter of '70 season and playoff series with bad leg... had identical career regular season and playoff scoring averages, 16.9 points... good outside shooter.

McCoy McLemore Forward No. _____
Drake 28 6-7 235

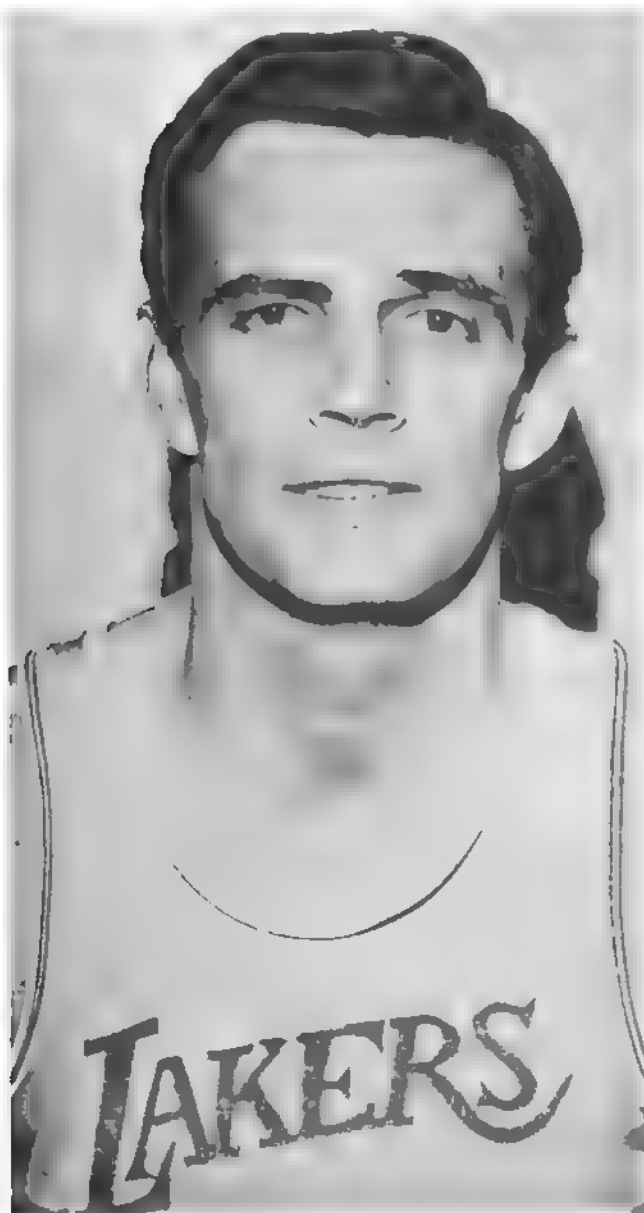
7th Year
Detroit

Will be under no false illusions for this is his third expansion team . . . picked previously by Chicago and Phoenix . . . sings well enough to have cut a record for Mercury although it was never put on market . . . known as finest singer in NBA . . . wife Claudette is a model and has done numerous national TV commercial spots . . . good rebounder, will add solid depth . . . averaged 8 points for Pistons playing 1,421 minutes.

Len Chappell Forward No. _____
Wake Forest 29 6-8 240

9th Year
Menomonee Falls, Wisc

On a team of travelers, is the most travelled as he starts with eighth team . . . awkward at times, but very strong, scored a layup in Milwaukee-New York playoff with Bill Bradley holding his shirt tail . . . had best season in '63-64 with Philadelphia and New York, averaging 17.1 points . . . scored 2,165 points in career at Wake Forest, having 30.1 average senior year and led Deacons to NCAA semifinals . . . averaged 8.3 for Bucks last year.



Little guy Johnny Egan begins 10th year in NBA.



Expansion transferees: John Warren (16), now a Cavalier, goes against Em Bryant, who joins Buffalo Braves.

Top Rookies

John Johnson Forward
Iowa 22 6-7 190

Milwaukee

No. 1 draft choice after leading Iowa to unbeaten Big Ten season . . . scored 27.9 points a game and 31.8 in conference, second to Rick Mount . . . holds four Iowa scoring records, including best shooting percentage, 59.9. Shot 54.3 for two seasons and made several All-American teams . . . called best offensive player in school's history.

Surry Oliver Forward
Stephan F. Austin 23 6-7 205

Tallulah, La.

Made All-Lone Star Conference team our straight years . . . averaged 16.1 points over career and named to NAIA All-American team as a senior when shot 55 per cent . . . third draft choice of the Cavaliers.

Dave Sorenson Forward
Ohio State 22 6-8 213

Findlay, Ohio

All-Big Ten as junior and senior . . . a player on order of Bill Hosket, but quicker . . . scored last-second basket that beat Kentucky and put Bucks in NCAA semifinals his sophomore year . . . averaged 24.2 points senior year when he shot 55 percent . . . captain of team senior year and nicknamed Sunshine . . . team's second draft choice.

Dan Obravoc Center
Dayton 23 6-10 250

Dayton

Played for Dayton's best teams, beginning sophomore year when team went to NCAA finals and lost to UCLA and Alcindor . . . took opening tap from Alcindor that game, got ball back and tried 35-foot shot . . . UCLA rebounded and scored and led rest of way . . . strong rebounder, played AAU ball last season.

DETROIT PISTONS



Last season's win-some lose-more Pistons: left, Terry Dischinger (43) and Erwin Mueller (51) fail to stop a Knick shot; right, Dave Bing (21) flicks one away from the hoop.

Team Profile

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TEAM COLORS: Red, White and Blue

1969-70 RECORD: Won 31, Lost 51, 7th in the East

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2	Cincinnati	4	3	Seattle	3
3	Boston	4	3	San Francisco	3
		3	3	San Diego	3
10		30	21		21

1970-71 Division Alignment
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 Chicago
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 Milwaukee
 Phoenix

STRONG POINTS: The Pistons have guards who get them as many points as they could possibly want. They have Bob Lanier. And if he isn't enough they have veteran center Otto Moore behind him. And there is no longer an Eastern Division. Things must get better. The Pistons have had a terrible record the past two years—because of the Eastern Division. They were 23-57 against their fellow Eastern teams the past two years and 40-44 against the West. Last season they were 10-30 against their own half of the NBA while going 3-3 against every team in the West. Now they are in the Central, made up of two old West teams—Phoenix and Chicago—and Milwaukee. Things must be looking up. Up to 6-11, 265-pound Lanier. It is difficult to anticipate Lanier will do for the Pistons what Lew Alcindor did for Milwaukee, but he will make the team better. He is a big version of Willis Reed which is a nice version to have. He can shoot from medium range and he can muscle inside. He will be superb if he comes back from his knee operation as sound as he was before he went down in the finals of the NCAA Eastern Regionals. His presence may even free Moore—also 6-11—to play a little forward and thereby help the Pistons at their weakest positions. Detroit is certainly strong enough backcourt with Dave Bing and Jim Walker, the highest scoring backcourt in the league with a combined 44 points a game.

WEAK SPOTS: The forwards. Detroit has had problems at the forwards for some time and it isn't surprising. Remember, this is a team that has given away, in the order of their leaving, Bailey Howell, Ray Scott, Joe Caldwell, Tom Van Arsdale, Dave deBusschere and Happy Hairston. Through nearly all of this, the team has held on to Terry Dischinger and has added Erwin Mueller, Steve Mix, Bill Hewitt and Bob Quick. But this group does not compare with the aforementioned gentlemen and this is why the Pistons are a

losing team. Of those veteran forwards on hand, Dischinger is a fair shooter and Mueller strong enough to help inside. But neither can do a complete job. Neither is good enough to make winners of the Pistons.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Coach Bill Van Breda Kolff stresses movement in his offense, trying for an attack that will clear a man for an open shot. He therefore dislikes one-on-one basketball. Unfortunately, that's mostly what he gets from this team. This season, however, you can expect to see the ball going into the pivot much more often.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The Pistons, like everybody else in the league, play a switching man-for-man that at times resembles a zone. However, because it is not very effective nobody bothers to notice the resemblance.

NEW FACES OF 1970: Bob Lanier has been added along with forwards Willie Norwood, Ken Warzynski, Terry Driscoll and guard Sevira Brown. They should all make the club. And Lanier may make it a club.

THE BIG IFs: the rookies. If they can come through and give Detroit respectable forward play, the Pistons can be much improved and take advantage of Lanier's abilities.

SUM UP: After a year under Van Breda Kolff filled with discontent, the Pistons can come on with Lanier replacing unhappy Walt Bellamy, who went to Atlanta late last season. But the problem at the forwards will be too much to expect a winning season.

THE MANAGEMENT: What can you say for a group that has done so much for so many, giving the Knicks DeBusschere and therefore a championship, giving Atlanta Joe Caldwell and giving up . . . The list is too long. The man responsible for these moves is general manager Ed Coil, known around the league as Friendly Ed. Detroit fans have to be wondering how long they will have Lanier. After all, Dave Bing is supposed to jump to the ABA in a year. Of course, people who don't frequent Cobo Arena don't know just how bad things have been because the Detroit papers usually rely on publicity man Maskin for their reports and what is a publicity man to do?

The Detroit Stars

Dave Bing Guard No. 21 5th Year
Syracuse 27 6-3 185
Led the NBA in scoring with 27.1 in 1967 and has a career average of 23.5 points a game . . . Since leading league in

scoring as rookie has always been among the top players in the NBA . . . former all-America at Syracuse where he set all school scoring records . . . holds Piston records for points in a season (2,142), assists (546) . . . smooth quiet player who does his job without a lot of fanfare . . . will play for ABA Virginia team next season unless he changes mind and takes advantage of loophole in his agreement with that team . . . agreed to join that club because of his Washington background when Virginia was in Washington . . . missed 11 games with injury last year.

Jimmy Walker Guard No. 24 4th Year
Providence 26 6-3 205
Team's No. 1 pick in '67 which proves the Pistons can draft them even if they can't keep them . . . has shown great improvement in each of three seasons, blooming last season to 21-point average while improving upon defense and floor game . . . had brilliant career at Providence, making All-America as junior and senior and breaking most of school records . . . shot .478 last year, against .428 percentage of first two seasons.

Terry Dischinger Forward No. 43 7th Year
Purdue 30 6-7 208 Westland, Mich.
No 2 pick of Chicago in 1962 after being three-time All-American at Purdue . . . came to Pistons in 1964 and has been one of their better shooters . . . missed two years after going into the Army . . . best season was rookie year in Chicago when averaged 25.5 in 56 games . . . had 18.2 average first year as Piston, but has not come back to that form since rejoining club in '67 following service tour . . . studying in off-season to become a dentist . . . team's best shooter with .526 last year.

Otto Moore Center No. 20 3rd Year
Pan American 24 6-11 220 Miami, Fla.
Spent most of first two years sharing time with Walt Bellamy and now he will play behind Bob Lanier . . . very willing performer, he is a good rebounder and a fair shooter. Took 900 rebounds in 81 games last season and averaged 11.9 points while sinking 81 percent of his free throws . . . all figures show significant improvement over rookie year . . . No. 1 pick of Pistons in '68 after breaking Luke Jackson's scoring and rebounding records.

Detroit Pistons Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
—	John Arthurs	G	6-4	185	23	1	Tulane
21	Dave Bing	G	6-3	185	27	4	Syracuse
43	Terry Dischinger	F	6-7	208	30	6	Purdue
31	Bill Hewitt	F	6-7	210	26	2	Southern Cal.
30	Howard Komives	G	6-1	185	29	6	Bowling Green
23	Steve Mix	F	6-7	215	23	1	Toledo
20	Otto Moore	C	6-11	220	24	2	Pan American
51	Erwin Mueller	F	6-8	230	26	4	San Francisco
—	Bob Quick	F	6-5	215	24	3	Xavier
24	Jimmy Walker	G	6-3	205	26	3	Providence
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
—	Sevira Brown	G	6-4	215	22		DePaul
—	Terry Driscoll	F	6-7	215	23		Boston College
—	Bob Lanier	C	6-11	265	22		St. Bonaventure
—	Willie Norwood	F	6-7	222	23		Alcorn A&M
—	Ken Warzynski	F	6-7	230	22		DePaul



Steve Mix (23) will be back to be joined by the Pistons' new hope: Bob Lanier.

Howard Komives Guard No. 30
Bowling Green 29 6-1 185

The nation's leading college scorer in 1965, went to the Knicks and played well there until coming over in deal for Dave DeBusschere . . . Pistons' third guard behind Walker and Bing, averaged 11.2 points last year . . . has missed scoring in double figures only once as a pro.

7th Year
Toledo

Erwin Mueller Forward No. 51
San Francisco 26 6-8 230

Played for Chicago, Los Angeles, Chicago again and then Seattle before coming to Detroit early last season . . . became a Piston starter and averaged 10.4 points in 74 games with Detroit . . . lacks finesse, but makes up for it with hustle and strength.

5th Year
Harper Woods, Mich.

Top Rookies

Bob Lanier Center

St. Bonaventure 22 6-11 265

Did extraordinary things last season for Bonnies; for example, his 51-point Madison Square Garden performance against Rick Mount and Purdue in the Holiday Festival . . . averaged 26.2 points as sophomore, 27.2 as a junior and 29.1 as a senior and finished career with 2,067 points and 1,180 rebounds . . . led Bonnies to NCAA semifinals, but was lost

Buffalo, N.Y.

in Eastern championship game when knee injury required surgery . . . if fully recovered he should become one of the top centers in the league in a few years . . . jumps well, shoots well, handles ball extremely well for man his size . . . his shoes are size 20.

Terry Driscoll Forward

Boston College 23 6-7 215

Drafted first by Pistons a year ago, but decided to play ball in Italy for that season before joining Pistons . . . has outstanding career at Boston College for Bob Cousy, finishing with 23.3-point season and making 51 percent of career shots.

Winthrop, Mass.

Willie Norwood Forward

Alcorn A&M 23 6-7 222

Another '69 draft pick (2nd) just now joining team . . . played varsity ball at Alcorn all four years, scoring 1,973 points and averaging 19.2 to 20.7 points last three years . . . does good job inside, good leaper.

McCarley, Miss.

Ken Warzynski Forward

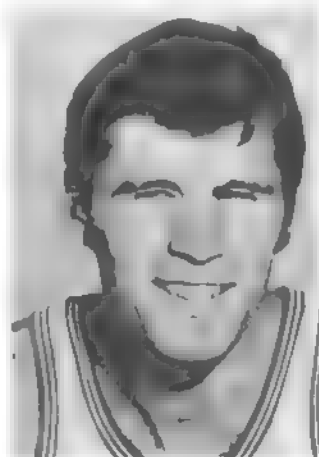
DePaul 22 6-7 230

Second-round pick, a solid performer for DePaul with 19.6 scoring and 15-rebound average as a senior . . . should make it.

Chicago



JIM WALKER



HOWARD KOMIVES



OTTO MOORE



BILL HEWITT

Pistons Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	7	31	51	29	1966-67	5	30	51	14
1968-69	6	32	50	25	1965-66	5	22	58	23
1967-68	4	40	42	22					

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	.....	Dave Bing	.....	22.9
1968-69	.....	Dave Bing	.....	23.4
1967-68	.....	Dave Bing	.....	27.1
1966-67	.....	Dave Bing	.....	20.0
1965-66	.....	Eddie Miles	.....	19.6

Rebounding

1969-70	.....	Otto Moore	.....	11.1
1968-69	.....	Walt Bellamy	.....	12.5
1967-68	.....	Dave DeBusschere	.....	13.5
1966-67	.....	Dave DeBusschere	.....	11.8
1965-66	.....	Dave DeBusschere	.....	11.6

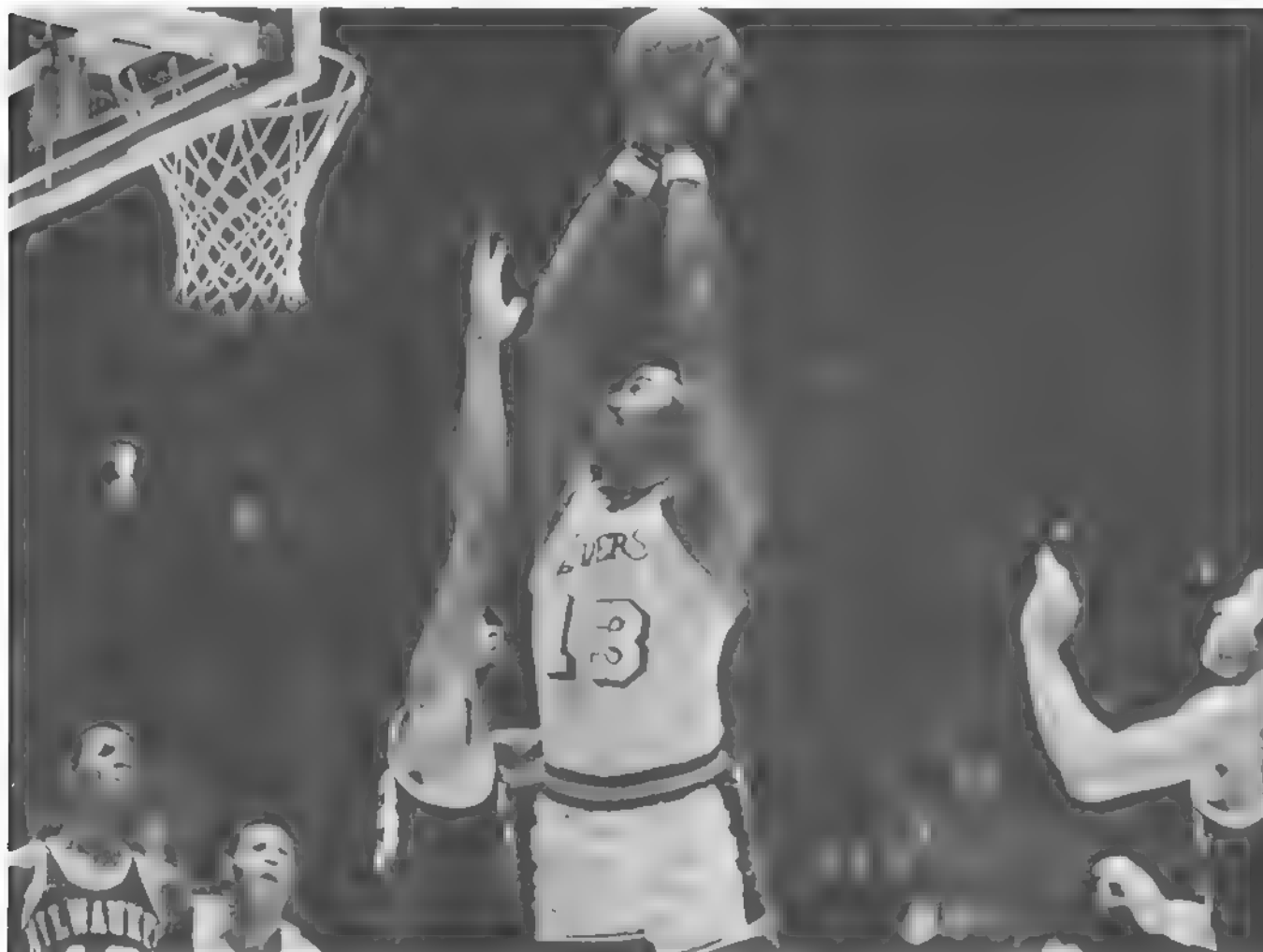
Field Goal Percentage

1969-70	.....	Terry Dischinger	.....	52.6
1968-69	.....	Terry Dischinger	.....	51.5
1967-68	.....	Len Chappell	.....	51.3
1966-67	.....	Dave Bing	.....	43.6
1965-66	.....	Eddie Miles	.....	44.7

Assists

1969-70	.....	Dave Bing	.....	6.0
1968-69	.....	Dave Bing	.....	7.1
1967-68	.....	Dave Bing	.....	6.4
1966-67	.....	Dave Bing	.....	4.2
1965-66	.....	Ray Scott	.....	3.0

LOS ANGELES LAKERS



The one and only, almost unstoppable Wilt goes over a shorter Milwaukee Buck for a cinch field goal.

Team Profile

President Jack Kent Cooke
 Secretary-Treasurer James Lacher
 Vice-President and General Counsel Alan I. Rothenberg
 General Manager Fred Schaus
 Director of Public Relations Dick White
 Director of Advertising Dan Avey
 Publicist Jim Brochu
 Trainers Frank O'Neill, Charles Saad
 Office: The Forum, 3900 W. Manchester Blvd., Inglewood, Calif., 90306
 Arena: The Forum (17,648)

TEAM COLORS: Blue and Gold

1969-70 RECORD: Won 46, Lost 36, 2nd in West

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
3	Atlanta	4	2	New York	4
2	Chicago	4	3	Milwaukee	3
3	Phoenix	4	2	Baltimore	4
6	Seattle	0	4	Philadelphia	2
5	San Francisco	2	4	Cincinnati	2
5	San Diego	2	4	Boston	2
			3	Detroit	3
24		16	22		20

1970-71 Division Alignment

NBA Pacific
 Los Angeles
 Portland
 San Diego
 San Francisco
 Seattle

STRONG POINTS: Any team that puts uniforms on the likes of Jerry West, Elgin Baylor and Wilt Chamberlain, even at their ages, has some strong points. They are three of the greatest scorers in the NBA's history, and on paper (at least owner Jack Kent Cooke thought so) they appear unbeatable. This was supposed to be a super team, but three super stars do not necessarily make for a super team. The parts don't fit together that well, West has said, and it's not the smartest team he's played for either. Still, on their good nights, and they are still numerous, West and Baylor and Chamberlain can all be individually devastating, and that's enough to get them past most teams. Lakers have a fine competitor in Keith Erickson, who can play forward and guard competently, and a good-looking rookie in Jim McMillian, who's supposed to give Baylor a rest now and then, Gail Goodrich returns from Phoenix in trade for Mel Counts and he'll put some zip in the team, and should complement West better than Dick Garrett, a good rookie guard but no playmaker,

who went to Buffalo in expansion draft. There's fine front-line support in Happy Hairston, John Tresvant and Rick Roberson, if Coach Joe Mullaney has mastered, after one year in the pros, the knack of substituting over a long, long season and short, short playoff series.

WEAK POINTS: Begin with Wilt's knees and Baylor's knees, and wonder if West will survive the season, as he did (for a change) last time, without getting injured somehow, somewhere. This team is held together with tape and iron tonic. Baylor is 36, Chamberlain 34, West 32. There have been a lot of disappointments when it really counted and it might steal something from their strength and willingness to try, try again. After last year's loss to the Knicks in the seventh game of the championship series, Baylor allowed that "Well, now I have something to look forward to next year." To which West snapped, "I have absolutely nothing to look forward to. What's going to make it any different?" Off-seasons have a way of picking a guy up again, particularly a competitor like West, who can at least look back on his first individual scoring title. Team has a hard time deciding who should get the ball, who should shoot, and who should get the hell out of the way when Wilt moves to the basket.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: With Wilt in the line-up the team doesn't run enough to suit some, whether he's moving on a knee still recuperating from surgery, or even on healthy pins. But when he wasn't with the team the team's lack of success was always blamed on the lack of a good giant center. Wilt can't win, as usual. Team has hard time bringing ball up court against pressing defense, and when it reaches the frontcourt doesn't always know what to do with it next. It lacked movement last year, but maybe Goodrich can put a little zip in the attack.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Wilt doesn't like to stray away from the hoop, and if opposing center, say a Willis Reed, is hitting from the outside the Lakers can get in trouble fast. Wilt will always be an obstacle and a deterrent to anybody getting ambitious about driving the lane. West is one of the league's best defensive players, as well as its foremost offensive machine. Erickson works hard at it now that he's made up his mind that he likes being a pro. Baylor

takes a blow so he can keep going offensively.

NEW FACES OF 1970: Gail Goodrich is a familiar face to Los Angelinos, first as the quarterback of a succession of national championship teams at UCLA, then as a backcourtman for the Lakers. He went to Phoenix in expansion draft, but is back in exchange for Mel Counts. It's a popular move. Jim McMillan, No. 1 draft choice, lifted Columbia's basketball program in recent years with his all-around play.

THE BIG IFs: One wonders how many times the Lakers can keep coming back for more. After a while, losing the big one gets tiresome. Injuries wrecked this team during regular season, and could do so again.

SUM UP: This team will score a lot of points some nights, and other nights the other team will score even more. It seems past its prime, and might get beaten out—out of the playoffs, that is—for good this time.

THE MANAGEMENT: Jack Kent Cooke has bought hockey teams (the Kings), soccer teams (the ill-fated Wolves), and pieces of football teams (the Redskins), and, of course, a basketball team, but he can't buy a championship team anywhere, no matter what the price. For his money, he likes to run the show a lot, too, and it wouldn't be beyond him to trade Chamberlain for Bobby Hull of the Blackhawks because maybe then he could salvage some kind of championship for all that money he's paying Wilt.

General Manager Fred Schaus is class guy who did a good job finishing second to the Celtics all those years as a coach. Joe Mullaney is also a class guy, and should profit from first year experience in pro jungle.

Now if Cooke would only quit selling seats to his cocktail-party compatriots right next to the benches where he crowds the teams . . .

Los Angeles Stars

Jerry West Guard No. 44
West Virginia 32 6-3 180

11th Year
Los Angeles

Known around the league as Mr. Clutch and he lived up to his title last year when injuries threatened Laker hopes . . .

Los Angeles Lakers Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
22	Elgin Baylor	F	6-5	225	36	12	Seattle
13	Wilt Chamberlain	C	7-1	275	34	11	Kansas
24	Keith Erickson	G	6-5	195	27	5	UCLA
52	Happy Hairston	F	6-7	225	28	6	New York U.
15	Willie McCarter	G	6-3	175	24	1	Drake
36	Rick Roberson	F	6-9	230	23	1	Cincinnati
14	John Tresvant	F	6-7	215	31	6	Seattle
44	Jerry West	G	6-3	180	32	10	West Virginia
25	Gail Goodrich	G	6-1	170	27	5	UCLA

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
—	Jim McMillan	F	6-5	225	21	Columbia
—	Earnie Killum	G	6-3	195	22	Columbia
—	Larry Mikan	F	6-7	205	21	Minnesota
—	John Fultz	F	6-6	215	22	Rhode Island
—	Jerry Kroll	G	6-4	185	22	Davidson



Chamberlain is pressed at the end line by alert Knick Willis Reed, Wilt's big problem last year.

has scored more than 19,000 points in career and finally achieved a long-time goal by topping league in scoring, averaging 31.2... he also was among top ten in free throw accuracy at .824 and assists at 7.5 per game... stunned everyone with 55-foot shot that tied third game of championship series with Knicks... like Elgin Baylor he still seeks a championship... can do unbelievable things, leading some to say he's got a third eye.

Elgin Baylor Forward No. 22
Seattle 36 6-5 225

13th Year
Washington, D.C.

Captain of Lakers, Baylor is second among all-time NBA scorers with over 23,000 points... perennial All-Star and All-NBA player now in twilight of career... was second in assists to West while continuing outstanding boardwork despite limited action due to injury... after Lakers lost in seventh game of title series, he said "Now I have something to look forward to next year."... won't give up the chase for championship... still boasts an unmatched arsenal of shots including twisting layups, hanging jumpers and spin-and-back shots that defy description.

Wilt Chamberlain Center No. 13
Kansas 34 7-1 275

11th Year
Los Angeles

Greatest scorer in NBA history with well over 27,000 points... has established awesome scoring records and an awesome reputation... he returned amazingly from a knee injury and helped the Lakers into showdown series with Knicks... rather than trophies, Wilt values good friends and good music... also plays volleyball and water-skis... among his many single game, season and career marks is most-points-in-one-game: 100 against the Knicks at Hershey, Pa. in 1962... took to wearing sweatband last season which made him even more colorful.

Keith Erickson Forward-Guard No. 24
UCLA 27 6-5 195

6th Year
Los Angeles

Came into his own in playoffs last year where he made solid contribution to Lakers' bid for title... said he got serious last season after kicking about league with no real dedication... averaged 9.9 points in 18 playoff games, 8.9 for season... member of two national championship teams at UCLA... amazing athlete who was member of 1964 U.S.

Olympic volleyball team...can play guard or forward competitively and intelligently.

Harold (Happy) Hairston Forward No. 52 7th Year
New York U. 28 6-7 225 New York

Hard-driving type...likes to drive down the lane and cross it, letting shots fly and following them to the end...terrific rebounder off offensive boards, keeping attack alive...led the Lakers in rebounding in Chamberlain's long absence and was second only to Jerry West in scoring with 20.6 average...came to Lakers from Pistons in trade for Bill Hewitt on Thanksgiving Day and along with West, led Lakers from fourth to nearly first...when Chamberlain came back, however, Coach Mullaney benched him, saying he didn't fit into offense anymore...Hairston wasn't very happy anymore.

Rick Roberson Center No. 35 2nd Year
Cincinnati 23 6-9 235 Cincinnati

Learned hard way as rookie, playing pivot regularly in absence of injured star, Wilt Chamberlain...didn't wow anyone with his work, but with one year under his belt he'll be more reliable...averaged 8.7 points and 9.2 rebounds...three-time all-Missouri Valley Conference selection, Roberson was drafted on first round.

Gail Goodrich Guard No. 25 6th Year
UCLA 27 6-1 170 Los Angeles

Kind of penetrating guard that Coach Joe Mullaney said "I don't like to face" during playoffs with Phoenix Suns last year...so Lakers traded Mel Counts to Suns to reclaim local hero whom they lost in expansion draft after '68 season...played on championship teams at UCLA...should replace Dick Garrett in backcourt...averaged 20 points for Suns last season and topped team with 7.5 assists a game.

John Tresvant Forward No. 14 7th Year
Seattle 31 6-7 215 Detroit

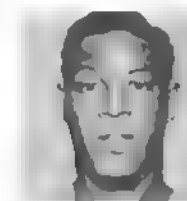
Journeyman forward, he came through when called upon in playoffs, but some say he didn't get called often enough...did great job on Connie Hawkins in big game against Phoenix, and came through with clutch plays to lead Lakers to a playoff victory over Knicks...purchased from Seattle in January last season...provides fine backup strength up front...averaged 10.6 points for season.



TRESVANT



ERICKSON



BAYLOR

Top Rookies

Jim McMillian Forward-Guard
Columbia 22 6-5 225

New York

Selected first by Lakers after becoming Columbia's all-time scoring leader, including a 25.7 averaged as a senior...good student and led Lions to one Ivy League title and two second-place finishes...Lakers hope he's eventual replacement for Elgin Baylor...plays tough defense and averaged 10 rebounds a game.

Earnie Killum Guard
Stetson 22 6-3 195

Clarksdale, Miss.

Second round pick...led his school through its finest season with a 22-7 record...averaged 25.6 points per game to break school scoring record and received All-America mention from both wire services.

Larry Mikan Forward
Minnesota 22 6-7 205

Minneapolis

Son of former Laker and all-time great center George Mikan...while averaging 17.2 points per game as a senior, Mikan also set an all-time Gopher single season record for rebounds with 349, a 14.5 average.

Radio and Television

Colorful and popular "Voice of the Lakers," Chick Hearn has been at courtside to broadcast Laker games for past nine years. He'll provide commentary for all games on KABC (790) and will simulcast 25 Laker road games over KTLA (Channel 5) for color telecasts. Dick Shad enters second season as color man.

Lakers Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	2	48	36	2	1966-67	3	36	45	8
1968-69	1	55	27	—	1965-66	1	45	35	—
1967-68	2	52	30	4	1964-65	1	49	31	—

Individual Leaders					Field Goal Percentage				
Scoring					Field Goal Percentage				
1969-70	Jerry West	31.2	1969-70	Jerry West	49.7				
1968-69	Elgin Baylor	24.8	1968-69	Wilt Chamberlain	58.3				
1967-68	Elgin Baylor	26.0	1967-68	Jerry West	51.4				
1966-67	Jerry West	28.7	1966-67	Tom Hawkins	48.1				
1965-66	Jerry West	31.4	1965-66	Bob Boozer	48.4				

Rebounding					Assists				
1969-70	Happy Hairston	11.1	1969-70	Jerry West	7.5				
1968-69	Wilt Chamberlain	21.1	1968-69	Jerry West	6.9				
1967-68	Elgin Baylor	12.2	1967-68	Elgin Baylor	4.6				
1966-67	Darrel Imhorr	13.3	1966-67	Jerry West	6.8				
1965-66	Leroy Ellis	9.2	1965-66	Jerry West	6.1				

MILWAUKEE BUCKS



Streak-shooter Jon McGlockin tries to work ball inside against pressing defense put up by Knicks' Bradley (24) and Frazier (10) in playoff action last year.

Team Profile

Chairman of the Board Wesley D. Pavalon
 President Ray A. Patterson
 Vice-President and General Manager John E. Erickson
 Coach Larry Costello
 Trainer Arnie Garber
 Office: 700 Wisconsin Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc., 53233
 Arena: Milwaukee Arena (10,746)

TEAM COLORS: Forest Green and White

1969-70 RECORD: Won 56, Lost 26, 2nd in East

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
2	New York	4	3	Los Angeles	3
3	Baltimore	3	3	Atlanta	3
5	Philadelphia	2	2	Chicago	4
5	Cincinnati	2	6	Phoenix	0
6	Boston	1	5	Seattle	1
6	Detroit	1	4	San Francisco	2
			6	San Diego	0
27		13	29		13

1970-71 Division Alignment

NBA Central Division

Chicago

Detroit

Milwaukee

Phoenix

STRONG POINTS: Remember how, when you were a kid, you used to play What If... Like what if Williams, DiMaggio and Musial played in the same outfield, or if Russell and Chamberlain played for the same team or if Mantle were healthy? Now what if Lew Alcindor and Oscar Robertson were on the same team? What if the greatest scoring and playmaking guard in the history of the game could play with a man who is potentially the most devastating force the game has ever known? What if you walked into an arena one night and there were Chamberlain, West and Baylor on one side and Alcindor and Robertson on the other? It would be a mini-all-star game. And it will be because it happened and the pity is that basketball arenas are not as big as baseball stadiums because this act is going to be one of the greatest draws the world has ever known. Would the Yankees have traded DiMaggio under any circumstance? Would the Colts trade Unitas? Would the Celtics trade Cousy? Well, Cousy traded Oscar. Actually, trade is a misleading word, implying each side benefited from a deal. It would be more accurate to say Milwaukee was given Oscar Robertson and that the Bucks simply gave away a couple of expendable bodies. The best shooter and passer on the same team with the best rebounder, inside scorer and shot-blocker. These are points so strong they may mean a championship.

WEAK SPOTS: Ah, here is the rub. What does Milwaukee put on the floor with its Dynamic Duo? Probably, not enough to make this a championship team. Forwards Bob Dandridge and Greg Smith are quick, tough young men, but

neither is very big or really good enough to win a championship. Jon A. locklin cannot penetrate a defense or play defense well enough or pass well enough to win a championship. And the bench is suspect at every position because this is still an expansion team—third-year—trying to shake off the personnel expansion teams are filled with. Except for Smith and Dandridge this is a slow team. Oscar does not have blinding speed—and that will hurt, too. Dick Cunningham is less than adequate behind Alcindor and Don Smith is the third experienced forward, but he is lousy every other time out. The Bucks have hopes for 6-9 forward Gary Freeman of Oregon State, but he was not at all sensational in college and should require time to make it in the pros if he does at all. There is also the coaching. Larry Costello took his team a long way, but was of little help in the playoff series with New York where he appeared to be as nervous as his young players, red-faced and blustering when the team needed a calm man. Will Costello benefit from the experience?

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The Bucks try to get the ball into Alcindor and then go to an alternate when the big kid is covered. The forwards try to get free to make the defense pay for a double team against Alcindor and this situation will be helped by Robertson's presence due to his ability to get the ball inside or break up a game with his shooting.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Man-for-man pressure with a full court press at times. It's the typical harassment pattern used in the NBA with a plus being Alcindor's presence to cut off a free shooter.

THE BIG IF: Can the team come up with enough to supplement the Alcindor-Robertson combination and make this a championship team? It is a very big if, indeed.

NEW FACES OF 1970: Obviously Oscar Robertson is the best of them all. The Bucks hope 6-9 Gary Freeman can do a job for them. After that, there is nothing to really talk about.

SUM UP: The team has, in fact, rid itself of Flynn Robinson, a good shooter, but a liability in other areas who came apart in the playoffs, and added Oscar Robertson. This has to make the Bucks a better team, but there may not be

enough help to make Milwaukee a championship club. There is, however, a tomorrow.

THE MANAGEMENT: Wes Pavalon has done a splendid job in Milwaukee. He has given the team a good image in its area and he has put together with the help of John Erickson the most successful expansion team in the history of the league. Winning a coin flip obviously had something to do with it, but that should not detract from Pavalon's abilities. Coach Larry Costello, however, may be a liability. He was not a help when the team needed calm guidance last spring.

The Milwaukee Stars

Lew Alcindor Center No. 33

2nd Year

UCLA 23 7-1-5/8 235

Milwaukee

First there was Mikan, then Russell, Chamberlain and now Alcindor... it is doubtful Alcindor will ever score as many points as Chamberlain or win as many championships as Russell because these are almost impossible feats to duplicate in an era when outstanding big men are more common... but there is little doubt he will be as great as these two... was second in scoring (28.8), seventh in shooting (.518), third in rebounding (14.5) as a rookie after leading UCLA to three straight NCAA championships... the 26 regular season games lost by the Bucks were nine times the number Alcindor had experienced in high school and college combined... militant in his attitudes, suspicious of people, probably because he was over-protected by coach Jack Donohue (high school) and John Wooden (UCLA)... hates environment in Milwaukee... "I sit around my apartment all day and watch Jack Frost"... loves to travel in off-season.

Oscar Robertson Guard No. 0

11th Year

Cincinnati 32 6-5 220

Cincinnati

The Big O is merely superb, with a career scoring average of 29.3, a shooting percentage of .488... led league in assists six times and never worse than third until last year when he averaged eight a game (third) but played only 69 games, one less than required to qualify... came into

Milwaukee Bucks Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
33	Lew Alcindor	C	7-1-5/8	231	23	1	UCLA
19	Dick Cunningham	C	6-10	255	24	2	Murray St.
10	Bob Dandridge	F	6-6	200	23	1	Norfolk St.
18	Bob Greacen	F	6-7	206	23	1	Rutgers
14	Jon McGlocklin	G	6-5	200	27	5	Indiana
0	Oscar Robertson	G	6-5	220	32	10	Cincinnati
5	Guy Rodgers	G	6-0	190	35	12	Temple
35	Don Smith	F	6-9	235	24	2	Iowa St.
4	Greg Smith	F	6-5	200	23	2	Western Kentucky
3	Sam Williams	G	6-3	195	25	2	Iowa

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
27	Gary Freeman	F	6-9	208	22	Oregon St.
50	Mike Grosso	C-F	6-9	235	23	Louisville
—	Jim Sarno	F	6-8	223	22	Northwestern
—	Willie Watson	F	6-7	234	25	Oklahoma City
16	Marv Winkler	G	6-2	164	22	S.W. Louisiana
21	Bill Zopf	G	6-2	170	22	Duquesne
12	Tom Scantlebury	G	6-3	184	22	Nebraska

conflict with Bob Cousy at Cincinnati and Royals made it clear his services were no longer required . . . Cousy says rift over money, but Oscar says it wasn't, that his reported demands were exaggerated . . . crux of matter might have been money, because Cousy gets \$100,000, and the fact that the club never won a title with Oscar and had stopped drawing at home . . . a quiet gentleman whose understated elegance on the court makes him one of the greatest . . . ranks among top ten in league's eight offensive categories and is first in assists and second in scoring average (behind Chamberlain).

Bob Dandridge Forward No. 10 2nd Year
Norfolk State 23 6-6 195 Milwaukee

Very quick, good leaper, at times scores well from the corners . . . had sensational senior year at Norfolk, averaging 32.9 points and shooting .552 percent and 17 rebounds a game . . . scored 53 points in one college game . . . third in team rebounds with 625 last season . . . was assigned Walt Frazier at times in playoff and Frazier admitted "the cat is tough."

Jon McGlocklin Guard No. 14 6th Year
Indiana 27 6-5 205 Greendale, Wisc.

After playing part-time first three seasons, became a starter with Bucks last two seasons, averaging 19.6 and 17.6 points . . . fourth in NBA shooting with 53 percent last season . . . was captain at Indiana where he played entire career with the Van Arsdale brothers . . . excellent foul shooter . . . began career with Cincinnati . . . big problem is lack of quickness.

Greg Smith Forward No. 2 3rd Year
Western Kentucky 23 6-5 200 Milwaukee, Wisc.

Good inside shooter, had .511 shooting percentage while averaging 9.8 points . . . second-leading rebounder on team with 712 . . . very quick to make up for lack of size . . . teamed with brother Dwight to take Western Kentucky to NCAA Midwest Regional tournament before losing to Michigan when Greg fouled Cazzie Russell who made free throw at finish . . . brother was killed in auto accident after being drafted by Lakers.

Don Smith Forward No. 35 3rd Year
Iowa State 24 6-9 235 Oak Creek, Wisc.

Playing equivalent of a half-season he had 603 rebounds . . . a promising youngster who is bothered by poor shooting, but who makes it with good leaping ability and strength . . . second-best all-time Big Eight rebounder behind Bill Bridges and third scorer behind Clyde Lovellette and Bob Boozer.

Guy Rodgers Guard No. 5 13th Year
Temple 35 6-0 190 Milwaukee

Past his prime, but a dandy playmaker in younger days when he teamed with Chamberlain . . . a marvelous passer who still has good moments on occasion . . . third in NBA in all-time assists.

Top Rookies

Gary Freeman Center-Forward No. 27
Oregon State 22 6-9 208 Boise, Idaho

Had 13.6 career scoring average, considered impressive by coach Paul Valenti "because of the controlled offense we run." . . . splendid shooter, made .540 percent over career . . . missed first four games last season because of NCAA ruling; he made a mistake and played in an alumni high school game . . . eighth-leading scorer in school's history.

Bill Zopf Guard No. 21
Duquesne 22 6-2 170 Monaca, Pa.

Called Zip because of quickness on the court . . . helped Duquesne to 56-19 record in his three years . . . made numerous all-tournament teams, a good shooter and a better playmaker.

Marvin Winkler Guard No. 16
Southwestern Louisiana 22 6-2 165 Indianapolis, Ind.

Four-year college starter who averaged just under 20 points with senior year his best on 25.6 scoring and 6.5 assists . . . set 21 school and Gulf States Conference records . . . "The heart of our defense and our offense," coach Beryl Shipley said.

Mike Grosso Center-Forward No. 50
Louisville 23 6-9 235 Raritan, N.J.

One of the finest college prospects ever, was rated by South Carolina's Frank McGuire as "great" but ran into terrible misfortune . . . suffered badly cut wrist as freshman when glass on window broke . . . injured knee, requiring surgery prior to sophomore year and then learned must leave South Carolina because of recruiting technicality . . . had second knee operation at Louisville . . . once extremely quick and mobile, now hobbies . . . if he makes it will be because of determination.

Radio

All games over WTMJ (620kc) with Eddie Doucette.



Don Smith sweeps under Otto Moore for lay-up.



Greg Smith goes up for a floater but has his shot blocked by San Diego's Elvin Hayes (11). Bucks can expect problems with Elvin this year too.

Bucks Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	2	56	26	4	1967-68		no team		
1968-69	7	27	55	30					

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	.....Lew Alcindor	.....28.8
1968-69	.....Flynn Robinson	.....20.0
1967-68	no team	

Field Goal Percentage

1969-70	.....Jon McGlocklin	.....53.0
1968-69	.....Jon McGlocklin	.....48.7
1967-68	no team	

Rebounding

1969-70	.....Lew Alcindor	.....14.5
1968-69	.....Greg Smith	.....10.2
1967-68	no team	

Assists

1969-70	.....Flynn Robinson	.....5.5
1968-69	.....Guy Rodgers	.....6.9
1967-68	no team	

NEW YORK KNICKS



Walt Frazier finds a loose ball quicker than a lizard's tongue and gets Knicks going against Lakers.

Team Profile

Chairman Irving M. Felt
 President Ned Irish
 General Manager and Head Coach Red Holzman
 Assistant General Manager Frank Blauschild
 Publicity Director James Wergeles
 Chief Scout Dick McGuire
 Trainer Dan Whelan
 Office: 4 Penn Plaza, New York, N.Y.
 Arena: Madison Square Garden (19,500)

TEAM COLORS: Blue, Orange and White

1969-70 RECORD: Won 60, Lost 22, 1st in East

W	vs. East	L	W	vs. West	L
4	Milwaukee	2	2	Atlanta	4
5	Baltimore	1	4	Los Angeles	2
5	Philadelphia	2	6	Chicago	0
5	Cincinnati	2	6	Phoenix	0
3	Boston	4	4	Seattle	2
6	Detroit	1	5	San Francisco	1
			5	San Diego	1
28		12	32		10

1970-71 Division Alignment

NBA Atlantic Division

Boston
 Buffalo
 New York
 Philadelphia

STRONG POINTS: Begging Red Auerbach's pardon, this is probably the greatest basketball team ever assembled. The word, Red, is team. Not one man because you know what happened to your team when Bill Russell walked out the door. Team, Red, team. No pro team ever had the destructive power this one has. No team ever won 18 straight games the way this one did. And certainly no Knicks team ever came close to this one, except maybe the 1969 team. The Knicks are not great friends. With few exceptions, they don't even pal around together. But they are great basketball players. And together they are a great team, a team that plays the game the way it ought to be played. This team is Walt Frazier and Dick Barnett, Dave DeBusschere and Bill Bradley, Willis Reed, Mike Riordan and Cazzie Russell and Dave Stallworth. And this year Phil Jackson again and probably tall Eddie Mast and short Milt Wilhams and whatever rookie the Knicks want, probably Mike Price of Illinois. The secret of the

Knicks is that rarely does Red Holzman ever hesitate to use any player in any situation. He may prefer some to others but never does he feel compelled to panic at the thought of a particular man in the game. And this is why the Knicks are a mind-blowing team. This is why they are the greatest drawing card in the game. This is why New York City went out of its mind last winter and spring. The Knicks play the team game so well they have made Cazzie Russell feel guilty because he is a shooter and the Knicks want Cazzie to be a shooter. They are extraordinary. They are Frazier's fast hands and nimble mind, Barnett's thumping-bumping defense and corkscrew jump shot, Reed's powerful body and accurate set shots, Bradley's brain and determination, DeBusschere's defense and guts, Russell's silky jumpers, Stallworth's infectious enthusiasm, Riordan's Mick-tough game. They are a team molded in Holzman's image of outward nonchalance and inward dedication. The Knicks are one word: splendid.

WEAK POINTS: Walt Frazier sometimes lacks patience. Dick Barnett is too old. Willis Reed is too small. Dave DeBusschere can't buy a basket some nights. Cazzie Russell can't play defense. Dave Stallworth is erratic. Mike Riordan can't shoot and he's too slow. The Knicks are the sum total of their individual parts and they are in trouble if they miss one of the above players. And none of this means anything at all.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Frazier passes to Bradley and Bradley passes to DeBusschere and DeBusschere passes to Reed and Reed passes to Barnett. And if Barnett is open he shoots. This is called patience and if the Knicks have an offensive tendency it is patience. This is why they won the championship while being ninth in the league in offense.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The Knicks play a zone. Yes, a zone. Right, it is illegal, so they call it a man-for-man with zone tendencies—secretly, that is, whispering it so the referee can't hear you and have to see it—and they all play it well and that is why they allowed the fewest points in the league (476 fewer than the Lakers to be exact) and that is why they won the championship.

NEW FACES OF 1970: There are three of them, two of them slightly familiar. Milt Williams, a guard, comes up from the Eastern League after spending two seasons in the Knicks' farm system (right, farm systems are as official as zones). And Eddie Mast, 6-9, comes to the Knicks after one year in the system known as pay-the-man-a-salary-and-put-him-in-

the-Eastern-League-until-you-need-him. Then there is Mike Price, the Illinois guard who will take John Warren's place on the bench while Mast and Williams are sitting in for Don May and Bill Hosket. The latter two and Warren went in the draft, the expansion draft and not as Mayor John Lindsay told a Gracie Mansion lawn party, the Uncle Sam draft.

THE BIG IF: If somebody drops a bomb on Madison Square Garden and the Knicks are in there at the time they better leave in a hurry.

SUM UP: The Knicks are the best there is. They can lose the title because pro basketball is a freaky game when it gets to the playoffs. But the Knicks are still the best team.

THE MANAGEMENT: Holzman is swell. Frank Blauschild is also pretty swell and it's nice they gave him a title like assistant general manager. If you include trainers in management then Dan Whelan is terrific. The president of the team is Ned Irish who was smart enough to let Holzman and Eddie Donovan build this team after he loused it up for so many years. And that brings us to Chairman Felt. What can you say about Chairman Felt? Well, Chairman Felt just happened to be in Frisco last January when the Knicks were there (honest, it was a coincidence) and the Chairman decided he wanted to meet the New York writers (for the first time although he's been around for a while) so poor Blauschild had to beg the writers to line up in the press room in San Francisco and the Chairman went down the line and shook each writer's hand. What else can you say for the Chairman? At a distance he resembles Spiro Agnew and his right hand man, announcer Bob Wolfe, resembles Nixon (also at a distance) and one day they were strolling down the street and a photographer who knows them both, but doesn't know Agnew and Nixon very well, started grabbing frantically for his camera figuring he had the picture of the year.

The Knicks Stars

Willis Reed Center No. 19

Grambling 28 6-9 245

7th Year

Bernice, La.

The NBA's most valuable player . . . "Will is the most man I ever met in my life," Dave Stallworth says . . . known to his teammates as The Captain and they mean it . . . averaged 21.7 points, 13.9 rebounds, shot .507 . . . started in title game against Lakers with a leg so bad he should have been in bed, made the game's first two baskets, dragged his bad leg

New York Knickerbockers Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
12	Dick Barnett	G	6-4	190	34	10	Tennessee State
24	Bill Bradley	F	6-5	205	27	3	Princeton
22	Dave DeBusschere	F	6-6	230	30	10	Detroit
10	Walt Frazier	G	6-04	202	25	3	Southern Illinois
18	Phil Jackson	F	6-8	220	25	2	North Dakota
19	Willis Reed	C	6-9	245	28	6	Grambling
6	Mike Riordan	G	6-4	200	25	2	Providence
33	Cazzie Russell	F	6-5	218	26	4	Michigan
9	Dave Stallworth	F	6-7	210	19	3	Wichita St.

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
—	Eddie Mast	C	6-9	220	24	Temple
—	Mike Price	G	6-3	180	22	Illinois
—	Milt Williams	G	6-1	180	25	Lincoln



Willis Reed holds off a defender with a turned shoulder and loops a shot towards the basket.

long enough for the Knicks to build a huge lead and then retired to the bench a champion... an awesome figure, magnificent rebounder, great outside shooting bid man... dresses with mod style, but conservatively and has an air of dignity that commands respect... one of the great ones, and to think Ned Irish drafted Jim Barnes ahead of him!

Walt Frazier Guard No. 10
Southern Illinois 25 6-4 205

4th Year
New York City

Clyde, the fashion plate, the flashy one... this is the man with the quick hands, the man who stole Jerry West's dribble and later said, "With my fast hands, what else could I do?"... this is the man who destroyed the Lakers in the championship game by making 12 of 17 shots and scoring 36 points and passing for 19 assists and who scored 23 of those points and passed for nine of those assists in the first half when the Knicks took a 69-42 lead before winning, 113-99... averaged 20.9 points and 8.2 assists (second in league)... the team's leading percentage shooter at .518, the man whose two free throws beat Cincinnati in five-second, six point burst that won 18th straight game.

Dick Barnett Guard No. 12
Tennessee State 34 6-4 190

11th Year
New York City

Barnett is so old he would rather play games back-to-back then get a day off because "When I'm in my groove I hate to

lose it."... had great games in decisive matches with Baltimore and Milwaukee, both coming off games the previous afternoon... averaged 14.9 points and shot 48 per cent... plays defense with such ferocity in his bump-bump-bump style people are surprised he hasn't been slugged... a very intelligent, though introverted man... opened his own advertising agency in New York in spring.

Dave DeBusschere Forward No. 22
Detroit 30 6-6 230

11th Year
Detroit

Arrived in New York six days before Christmas, 1968, special delivery from friendly Ed Coil of the Pistons... the final ingredient in Knicks' championship recipe... a real pro, a class man... one of the game's finest defensive players, strong rebounder, great competitor... gives so much of himself in big games is often so emotionally and physically drained cannot even talk... averaged 14.6 points and 10 rebounds last year... became player-coach of Pistons at age 25 and held post 2½ years... pitched for White Sox in dual career until forced to choose between two sports... stockbroker in off-season

Bill Bradley Forward No. 24
Princeton 27 6-5 205

4th Year
New York City

Watch him closely after referees displease him, he curses magnificently which shows how well he has made transition

from scholar-athlete to scholar-pro . . . on board of directors of Crystal City State Bank of Missouri (his father's) . . . very quick thinker on court, teams with Walt Frazier for sparkling give-and-go plays . . . became starter when Cazzie Russell broke ankle in '68-69 season and kept the job last season after relinquishing it for 20 games due to bad ankle . . . superb open shooter, averaged 14.5 points in Knicks' balanced offense . . . said he gained greater satisfaction from NBA title because he had never before won a championship.

Cazzie Russell Forward No. 33
Michigan 26 6-5 218

5th Year
Chicago

Brilliant streak shooter, came off bench time and again to give Knicks a boost and finished with 11.5 scoring average by making half his shots after slow start . . . health food addict drinks carrot juice ("for my eyes"), celery juice ("for the nerve to shoot when I've missed a layup") and beet root juice ("to keep the blood pumping") . . . fine golfer, shoots in high 70s although never had a lesson . . . takes putter on trips and constantly finds it missing (Cazzie, Barnett did it).

Dave Stallworth Forward No. 9
Wichita State 28 6-7 215

4th Year
Compton, Calif

Missed two years after suffering heart attack and played like a man who had never known illness . . . one of only two Knicks (Barnett the other) who appeared in every game . . . an exuberant man, full of fun and the wonder of being healthy and playing the game he loves . . . averaged 7.8 points last season.

Mike Riordan Guard No. 6
Providence 25 6-4 200

3rd Year
Flushing, N.Y.

Drove straight at Walt Chamberlain for layups that beat Lakers in first game of playoff . . . "What can he do to me? What's the worst thing?" Riordan asked. The reply was, "Kill you." Riordan said, "I can recover from that." . . . found defense sloughing off against him last season and gained respect with good long push shot . . . the Knicks' third guard, averaged 7.7 points.

Top Rookies

Eddie Mast Center
Temple 24 6-9 220

Philadelphia

Spent last season in Eastern League and showed Knicks he is ready to make it as reserve center behind Reed . . . a fine shooter who can go to the board . . . club likes him best for knowledge of game and court sense . . . was outstanding performer in college, . . . shook up front office this summer by letting his hair grow long, very long.

Milt Williams Guard
Lincoln 25 6-1 180

Chicago

Nearly made squad two years running and wound up in Eastern League both times . . . this time he should make the grade for the Knicks and become their fourth man in backcourt . . . fine shooter, plays well against bigger opponents.

Mike Price Guard
Illinois 22 6-3 190

Indianapolis

Not a big scorer in college, but shoots well and makes important baskets . . . sound fundamentally and good defensive player . . . Knick's first draft choice and only real rookie with much of a chance to make the club this year.

Television

Selected road games on WOR-TV (Channel 9) with Bob Wolff.

Radio

Home games on WHN (1050 kc) with Marv Albert and Knicks radio network on northeast voluntary basis with Jim Gordon.

Knicks Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind
1969-70	1	60	22	— ^a	1966-67	4	36	45	32
1968-69	3	54	28	3	1965-66	4	30	50	25
1967-68	3	43	39	19	*Won Playoffs				

Individual

Scoring					Field Goal Percentage				
1969-70	Willis Reed	21.7	1969-70	Walt Frazier	51.8				
1968-69	Willis Reed	21.1	1968-69	Willis Reed	52.1				
1967-68	Willis Reed	20.8	1968-69	Walt Bellamy	54.1				
1966-67	Willis Reed	20.9	1967-68	Walt Bellamy	52.1				
1965-66	Walt Bellamy	22.8	1965-66	Walt Bellamy	50.6				
Rebounding					Assists				
1969-70	Willis Reed	13.9	1969-70	Walt Frazier	8.2				
1968-69	Willis Reed	14.5	1968-69	Walt Frazier	7.9				
1967-68	Willis Reed	13.2	1967-68	Walt Frazier	4.1				
1966-67	Willis Reed	14.6	1966-67	Howard Komives	6.2				
1965-66	Walt Bellamy	15.7	1965-66	Howard Komives	5.3				

PHILADELPHIA 76ers



The 76ers like to run crazy. Here Wally Jones does just about that past Bullets' Earl Monroe.

Team Profile

President Irving Kosloff
 General Manager Don DeJardin
 Consultant Dan Biasone
 Press Services Director Harvey Pollack
 Coach Jack Ramsay
 Trainer Al Domenico
 Office: The Spectrum, Philadelphia, Pa., 19148
 Arena: The Spectrum (15,244)

TEAM COLORS: Red, White and Blue

1969-70 RECORD: Won 42, Lost 40, 4th in East

W	vs West	L	W	vs. East	L
4	Los Angeles	3	4	New York	2
5	Chicago	2	3	Milwaukee	3
2	Phoenix	4	2	Baltimore	4
5	Seattle	2	3	Phila.	3
4	San Fran.	3	3	Cicin.	3
4	San Diego	2	6	Boston	0
			3	Detroit	3
<u>24</u>		<u>16</u>	<u>24</u>		<u>18</u>

1970-71 Division Alignment

NBA Atlantic
 Boston
 Buffalo
 New York
 Philadelphia

STRONG POINTS: The 76ers have several things going for them: experience, fire power, a coach who was enormously successful in college and who has a detailed knowledge of the game. They have Billy Cunningham, one of the game's greatest players, and they have Hal Greer, one of its most well-known guards. At 6-6, Cunningham does astonishing things. He drives very well. He rebounds very well. He shoots well from outside. He can play a sound defensive game and he is a good passer. He is everything a good pro should be and last year he was the NBA's fourth-leading scorer (26.1) and eighth-leading rebounder (13.9). He was third on the team in assists. Greer also rated among the leading NBA scorers (22 points) as the 76ers led all teams in scoring with an average of 121.9 points a game. The 76ers have a knack of scoring very close to this average in the tough games. That they lose most of those games is another

story. They are strong inside they are one of the league's better board teams with Darrall Imhoff and Jim Washington on the front line with Cunningham—and they will be stronger if Luke Jackson can play without a piece of calf muscle and if rookies Al Henry and Dennis Awtrey and second-year man Bud Ogden make the grade

WEAK SPOTS: For all their strong points the 76ers are a fading team. Hal Greer is noticeably a step slower and as bigger guards come into the league his 6-2 body is less and less effective. Cunningham is playing his last year before jumping to the ABA's Carolina Cougars. The deal that sent Chet Walker to the Chicago Bulls for Washington looked good until Jackson failed to recover from tendon surgery because of a botched operation that required removal of a hunk of calf the size of a divot. Jackson came back late in the season, but he couldn't jump and he was fat and useless. He, too, would have jumped to the ABA. But the club came up with a three-year contract at \$100,000 per season when their doctor guaranteed Jackson's return to full health. So far, the first \$100,000 has been a waste. Imhoff at center is a strong, steady man at 32, but he also loses effectiveness as the big, mobile products of advanced American nutrition studies come into the league. Then there is the problem of defense. The 76ers don't play it very well. They won 42 of their 82 games by a good margin and averaged 3.4 points more than their opponents, the third-best spread in the NBA. This means they took some bad beatings. There was one in February that went 151-106, Knicks. It was the worst beating the 76ers ever took.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: They like to give a man a ball and let him go. Imhoff sets nice picks and Cunningham and the guards, Greer, Wally Jones and Archie Clark, operate accordingly. They like to hit the board, clear out and run crazy and when they do it well they are very good.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Head to head and gut to gut when it's good, but that isn't as often as it used to be, even

though Ramsay's old St. Joseph's teams were defensive demons. Either he isn't teaching as well or the team isn't playing or can't play as well now

NEW FACES OF 1970: Meet Al Henry, blocky and fairly strong and fairly tall. He was the 76ers' top draft choice and nobody knows why because nobody else wanted him high in the draft. The 76ers will call him a hidden gem, but Henry played in the Big Ten at Wisconsin, which makes it tough to be hidden. The young man with a chance is Dennis Awtrey of Santa Clara, also tall, but a youth with a national reputation as a scorer. How good is Awtrey? Well, he was the 46th man taken.

THE BIG IF'S: Luke Jackson's leg and, frankly, his desire to try and work himself back into shape. There is also the question of Greer's age and the mysterious inability of a fine coach to get his kind of performance from a veteran team

SUM UP: They may be respectable again and they may again make the playoffs because they are a cinch to beat out Buffalo and a good bet to be ahead of Boston in the Atlantic. But the Spirit of '76 is dying out.

THE MANAGEMENT: It drafted Al Henry first in 1970, Bud Ogden first in 1969, Shaler Halimon first in 1968, Craig Raymond first in 1967. It is losing Cunningham and keeping Jackson. Enough? Of the 70 players drafted from '64 through '69, only Ogden, Jackson, Cunningham and Goukas are with the team today. And only three others, Bob Weiss, Halimon and Henry Finkel are still in the NBA.

The Philadelphia Stars

Billy Cunningham Forward No. 32
North Carolina 27 6-6 220

6th year
Narbeth, Pa.

Spent three years becoming the best reserve forward in the NBA and finally convinced team to start him so he could become one of the best starting forwards in the league . . . averaged 26.1 points last year, plus 13.9 rebounds, and often led team with scoring binges that brought 76ers back into

Philadelphia 76ers Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
21	Archie Clark	G	6-2	175	29	4	Minnesota
32	Billy Cunningham	F	6-6	220	27	5	North Carolina
15	Hal Greer	G	6-2	176	34	12	Marshall
14	Matt Guokas	F	6-6	195	26	4	St. Joseph's
—	Bailey Howell	F	6-7	226	33	11	Mississippi St.
18	Darrall Imhoff	C	6-10	235	32	10	California
54	Luke Jackson	C-F	6-9	250	29	6	Pan-American
24	Wally Jones	G	6-2	185	28	6	Villanova
12	Jim Washington	F	6-7	205	27	5	Villanova
28	Bud Ogden	F	6-6	215	24	1	Santa Clara

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
—	Dennis Awtrey	F	6-9	220	22	Santa Clara
—	Al Henry	C	6-9	230	22	Wisconsin
—	Perry Wallace	F	6-5	225	22	Vanderbilt
—	Gordon Stiles	G	6-3	200	22	American University
—	Willie Davis	F	6-9	235	22	No. Texas State



Old pro guard Hal Greer, here battling Hawks' Jim Davis, should keep the big Philly offense alive.

games they should have been out of . . . gets into foul trouble quite often and was put out on fouls 15 times, second-highest in the league, but that's because he's so aggressive . . . will leave team at season's end to play for Carolina Cougars, but teammates swear by him. "He has never once disappointed me by not giving as much as he can," Hal Greer says. "I envy him."

Hal Greer Guard No. 15
Marshall 34 6-2 176

13th Year
Philadelphia

The only 76er left who knew what it was like to be a Syracuse National . . . an All-Star 10 times, he has a career average of 20.4 points and a playoff average of 20.9 for 85 games . . . averaged 22 points last year but slipped to seventh place on all-time scoring list as Jerry West advanced past him. Now has 18,902, but should move up this year past Dolph Schayes and Bob Pettit to fifth behind Chamberlain, Baylor, Robertson, West . . . MVP in All-Star Game two years ago . . . resists fad to wear hair long, keeps it skull-close

Wally Jones Guard No. 24
Villanova 28 6-2 185

7th Year
Philadelphia

Nicknamed Wally Wonder—by himself . . . one of six 76ers in double figures, averaging 11.8 last year . . . started pro career in Baltimore (one year) before coming to home club . . . another product of Overbrook High School (Chamberlain's alma mater) . . . has unusually high arc on jump shot that is likened to a jackknife, but is lacking in accuracy . . . defense is his forte

Luke Jackson Center-Forward No. 54
Pan-American 29 6-9 250

7th Year
Philadelphia

A man whose career scoring average is less than 12 points and whose contract is among the best in the league and he may never be a 12-point scorer after losing a large piece of calf muscle following post-surgical complications prior to last season . . . tried to play early in season and then late, but was overweight and ineffective and probably physically incapable through injuries . . . has played in total of only 62 games past two years . . . was effective rebounder and one reason club felt it could get along without Wilt Chamberlain and a year later without Chet Walker

Darrall Imhoff Center No. 18
California 32 6-10 235

11th Year
Berwyn, Pa.

Had his best year in 1969-70 scoring 13.6 and shooting 54 percent, 10 percent above career average . . . has a little turn in shot at the basket he calls his La-La and when he's getting his La-Las he is a tough man . . . When Luke Jackson was hurt two years ago Imhoff shot 10 for 10 in his first starting assignment . . . strong, capable center . . . played for 1959 NCAA championship team at California

Jim Washington Forward No. 12
Villanova 27 6-6 205

6th Year
Philadelphia

Played for St. Louis and Chicago before returning to his home town . . . a very good rebounder (734 last year) whose shooting improved last year as he averaged 12.7 points obtained in exchange for Chet Walker . . . played at Villanova with Wally Jones and they teamed to win 1963 Holiday Festival tournament

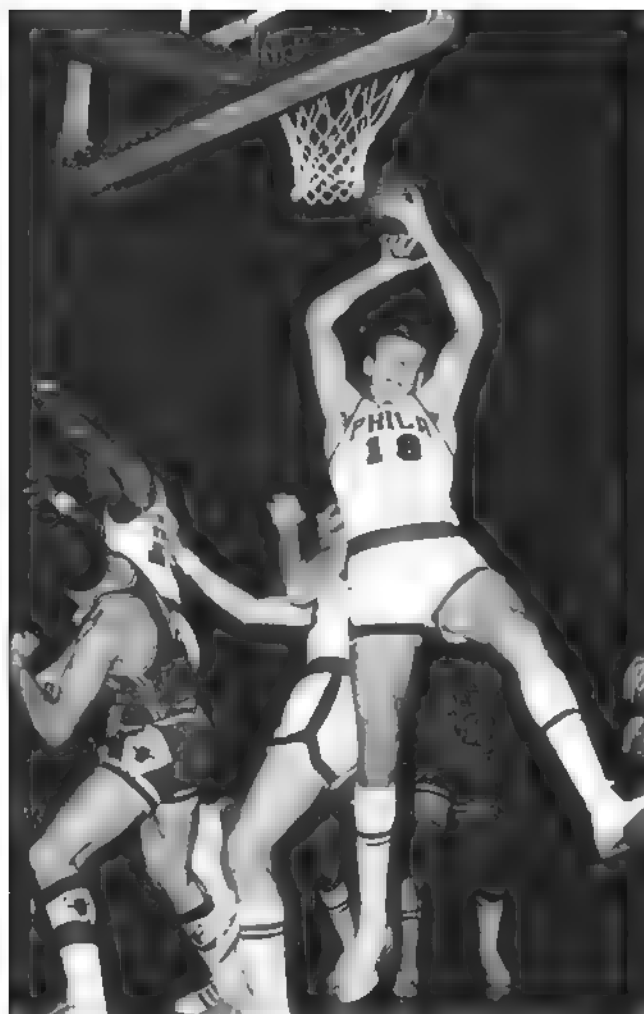
Archie Clark Guard No. 21
Minnesota 29 6-2 175

5th Year
Ecorse, Mich.

Good scorer, averaging 19.7 last year while making almost half his shots . . . spent three years in Army before going to Minnesota where he played with Lou Hudson . . . very quick



Forward Jim Washington (12), obtained in trade for Chet Walker, is top rebounder and improved shooter.



Center Darrall Imhoff calls this little turning shot his "La-La" and is tough to stop when it's working.

and agile... escaped serious injury late in season when he collided with a TV camera behind basket in Madison Square Garden, stirring large controversy and limiting him in playoffs.

Matt Guokas Forward No. 14
St. Joseph's (Pa.) 26 6-6 195

5th Year
Broomall, Pa.

Good defensive player, but not much of a scorer, although Ramsay says he could be if he had more chances to shoot... Best scoring average of 6.1 was matched last year... played for Ramsay at St. Joe... father was on 1947 championship Philadelphia Warriors.

Top Rookies

Al Henry Center
Wisconsin 22 6-9 225

A surprise first-round draft choice, who was himself surprised. "I can't believe it," Henry said. Regarded as a competent college player, but by no means a spectacular one... will have to either be much better than the world thinks or improve markedly to be of much help.

Dennis Awtrey Forward
Santa Clara 22 6-9 220

A good shooter, was outstanding scorer as junior and senior... teammate of 76er Bud Ogden at Santa Clara... wanted over \$300,000 to sign with club... it's probable he settled for a great deal less than that... was taken in third round.

Television

WPHL (Channel 17); Selected road games with Al Meltzer and Bob Vetrone

Radio

WCAU (121kc); All home and away games with Andy Musser and Sonny Hall.

76ers Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	4	42	40	18	1966-67	1	68	13	—*
1968-69	2	55	27	2	1965-66	1	55	25	—
1967-68	1	62	20	—	*won playoffs				
Individual Leaders									
Scoring					Field Goal Percentage				
1969-70	Billy Cunningham			26.1	1969-70	Darrall Imhoff			54.0
1968-69	Billy Cunningham			24.8	1968-69	Chet Walker			48.4
1967-68	Wilt Chamberlain			24.3	1967-68	Wilt Chamberlain			59.5
1966-67	Wilt Chamberlain			24.1	1966-67	Wilt Chamberlain			68.3
1965-66	Wilt Chamberlain			33.5	1965-66	Wilt Chamberlain			54.0
Rebounding					Assists				
1969-70	Billy Cunningham			13.6	1969-70	Hal Greer			5.0
1968-69	Billy Cunningham			12.8	1968-69	Hal Greer			5.1
1967-68	Wilt Chamberlain			23.8	1967-68	Wilt Chamberlain			8.6
1966-67	Wilt Chamberlain			24.2	1966-67	Wilt Chamberlain			7.8
1965-66	Wilt Chamberlain			24.6	1965-66	Wilt Chamberlain			5.2

PHOENIX SUNS



Connie Hawkins can hold ball like forever in huge hand. But will he make something happen for Suns this year?

Team Profile

President Richard L. Bloch
 Vice-President Donald Diamond
 Vice-President Marvin Meyer
 General Manager Jerry Colangelo
 Coach Lowell Fitzsimmons
 Director of Public Relations Al Stephan
 Trainer Joe Proski
 Office: 2303 N. Central, Phoenix, Ariz., 85004
 Arena: Veterans Memorial Coliseum (12,096)

TEAM COLORS: Purple, Orange and Copper
1969-70 RECORD: Won 39, Lost 43, 3rd in West

L	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
4	Atlanta	2	0	New York	6
4	Los Angeles	3	0	Milwaukee	6
2	Chicago	5	3	Baltimore	3
4	Seattle	3	2	Philadelphia	4
3	San Francisco	3	4	Boston	2
7	San Diego	0	4	Cincinnati	3
			3	Detroit	3
			<u>16</u>		<u>27</u>
	<u>24</u>				

1970-71 Division Alignment**NBA Central Division**

Chicago

Detroit

Milwaukee

Phoenix

STRONG POINTS: This is only the third year of existence, but the Suns are already better than maybe half the teams in the NBA. The team is sound and has the brilliance of Connie Hawkins, who may be absolutely superb this season because (a) he has a year's experience in the NBA and (b) he has a little more help. One of Hawkins' major problems last year was the total dependence of the team upon him. Hawkins had been away from top competition and had never been forced to play the role of team leader in his life. He admittedly found the role foreign and impossible to fulfill. General manager Jerry Colangelo drafted well, taking Greg Howard, who dropped out of New Mexico last year, and Joe De Pre, a promising guard from St. John's. He traded center Jim Fox for guard Clem Haskins of Chicago and then swapped guard Gail Goodrich to Los Angeles for Mel Counts. Howard can play either center or forward, important because his quickness in place of slow second-year man Neal Walk will help the Suns when they want particularly to go running. Dick Van Arsdale is nearly a carbon of his twin Tom, which is terrific for Phoenix, and he can swing from guard to forward, giving new coach Lowell Fitzsimmons even more versatility. Another plus here will be strong competition for jobs. Only Hawkins, Haskins and Van Arsdale are guaranteed starters.

WEAK POINTS: The Suns have been involved in constant change. Fitzsimmons is their third coach since the start of last season with Colangelo dumping John Kerr in mid-season and then giving way after taking the team to the playoffs. Another problem is how well Fitzsimmons will handle his team. Historically, a coach coming from college to the pro leagues has trouble making full use of his personnel. It was a problem, for example, that hurt the Lakers in the playoff

series against the Knicks when Joe Mullaney simply forgot to rest his older veterans under ideal situations. The Suns have plenty of big men, but Fitzsimmons will have to shuffle them around when he wants to run. Walk, who eventually was moved ahead of the departed Jim Fox last year, can't run a lick and Counts is far better suited to a slower pace. There will also be a matter of meshing personnel. There are only five Suns left who got in more than token playing time under Colangelo and Kerr. This could also take time and it may very well be the team gets off to a slow start

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Last year the Suns passed off to Hawkins in key situations and waited for something to happen. Hawkins faked left and right, waved the ball around in his huge hands and gave it back. Nothing happened. It would seem the Suns would try to put more movement in their offense.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The tendency has been not to play it at all. The Suns were next-to-last in points allowed, beating only San Diego. That situation will have to change.

NEW FACES OF 1970: The Suns brought Greg Howard (New Mexico dropout) back from Italy, signed guards Joe De Pre and Fred Taylor and traded for Mel Counts and Clem Haskins. They got Joe Thomas of Marquette and Harrison Stepter of the Globetrotters. The new faces are plentiful. What's more, they are talented.

SUM UP: This is a better team than the one that finished the season. The Suns should be able to finish second behind Milwaukee. They have plenty of offense; what they need is defense and cohesion. If they get these things they could be hard to handle

THE BIG IF: The adjustment. Colangelo has admittedly shuffled his roster like a card deck as he tries to bring in the right combination. The question is whether the combination he has now can mold and whether Fitzsimmons can do it.

THE MANAGEMENT: Appears reasonably sound, headed by Colangelo in the working end. The general manager of the Suns is not beloved in the NBA. He canned popular John Kerr and did a better coaching job, although he had never

Phoenix Suns Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
—	Mel Counts	C-F	7-0	230	28	6	Oregon State
16	Lamar Green	F	6-8	220	23	1	Morehead St.
23	Art Harris	G	6-4	185	23	2	Stanford
—	Clem Haskins	G	6-3	195	26	4	Western Kentucky
42	Connie Hawkins	F	6-8	205	28	1	none
11	Neil Johnson	F	6-7	225	27	4	Creighton
29	Paul Silas	F	6-7	220	27	6	Creighton
5	Dick Van Arsdale	G-F	6-5	210	27	5	Indiana
34	Neal Walk	C	6-10	250	22	1	Florida
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE	
—	Chad Calabria	G	6-3	180	21	Iowa	
—	Joe DePre	G	6-4	190	23	St. John's	
—	Greg Howard	C-F	6-9	228	22	New Mexico	
—	Harrison Stepter	G	6-4	185	23	Michigan St.	
—	Fred Taylor	G	6-5	187	22	Pan American	
—	Joe Thomas	F	6-6	205	22	Marquette	
—	John Wetzel	G	6-5	192	22	Virginia Tech	

played or coached pro before. That wasn't nice. Colangelo further made enemies by challenging the referees unnecessarily. But overall, he did a good job. Now, did he pick a good coach?

Suns Stars

Connie Hawkins Forward No. 42
None 28 6-8 210 Pittsburgh

2nd Year

Hawkins was a man caught in a dilemma not of his own making when the last college scandal broke during his freshman year at Iowa . . . it ended his college career and sent him from one minor league to another before he brought suit successfully against the NBA and got his chance to play last year. . . he averaged 24.6 points (sixth in the league), almost 10.5 rebounds and was second in assists to the departed Gail Goodrich. . . his humor borders on the ironic. In a questionnaire he answered the following: What were the honors you won in college? with "I won the honor to leave." . . was forced to make the adjustment at age 27 to top competition at the same time he was recovering from knee surgery. . . he should be better this time around, although he was merely superb as a "rookie."

Dick Van Arsdale Forward-Guard No. 5
Indiana 27 6-5 210 Phoenix

6th Year

A tough competitor. . . ironically, he switched to guard last year at the same time his brother Tom was switching to forward at Cincinnati. . . came to Phoenix in expansion draft in '68 and the Knicks have regretted the decision to let him go. . . had 21.3 scoring average last year, 21.0 in '69, the big difference being his shooting percentage which climbed from .442 to .508. . . does everything well. . . a quiet man and a gentleman, but a tough competitor on the court. . . "I knew if I was going to stick to the NBA I'd have to excel on defense." He does. . . once switched positions with brother in little league baseball game because Tom, the pitcher, had a sore arm. Dick won the game and nobody knew the difference.

Clem Haskins Guard No. ____
Western Kentucky 26 6-3 195

4th Year

Has come along better every year, last year hitting his peak with 7.6 assists and 20.3 points per game. . . Nicknamed Clem the Gem. . . biggest problem was over-cautiousness first season. Broke out of his shell second year and then took over as Bulls' leader last season with Jerry Sloan out. . . came over for Jim Fox.

Paul Silas Forward No. 29
Creighton 27 6-7 220 Tempe, Ariz.

7th Year

Always a solid rebounder, but never a scorer, had second-best offensive year in '70 with 12.8 scoring average while shooting .464, his best percentage. . . came to Suns in trade for Gary Gregor. . . Silas liked the trade and so do the Suns. . . very strong and steady, can get the ball and start the break.

Mel Counts Forward-Center No. ____
Oregon State 29 7-0 230

7th Year

This is his fourth club after starting out with Celtics, then moving to Baltimore and Los Angeles. . . came over for Gail Goodrich after falling out of favor with LA coach Joe Mullaney. . . a good shooter, but not strong and consequently not able to do solid job inside. . . with Lakers had scoring years of 11.7, 12.4 and 12.6, the best of his career. . . the only Laker to escape injury last season, playing in all but one game.



Dick Van Arsdale shoots, rebounds, does everything well.

Neal Walk Center No. 41
Florida 22 6-10 250 Miami Beach, Fla.

2nd Year

A consolation prize when Suns and Milwaukee flipped coin for Lew Alcindor. . . slow and methodical, had 8.2 scoring average as rookie, playing about half the time. . . led nation in rebounding junior year at Florida with 19.8 and was in top ten in rebounding and scoring as a senior. . . a good swimmer and diver, his specialty is a full twisting one and a half off a one-meter board. . . once had shorts ripped off in high school game.

Art Harris Guard No. 23
Stanford 23 6-4 185

3rd Year

Came to Suns in trade early last year for Dick Snyder. . . got in a lot of playing time as reserve guard and scored 7.8 points. . . exceptionally fast and good on a press, but has had troubles shooting under 40 per cent each of two pro seasons.

Top Rookies

Greg Howard Center-Forward

New Mexico 22 6-9 228

Had 14.4 points and 9.7 rebounds as sophomore and up to 19.7 points and 10.6 rebounds as junior before dropping out of school at New Mexico and going to Italy where he played for Sardinian industrial league team. . . twice all-city playing for Pittsburgh's Fifth Avenue High. . . scored 43 points and took 23 rebounds in rookie game against San Diego. . . top draft choice. . . called "Stretch."

Fred Taylor Guard

Pan American 22 6-5 187

His college coach, Sam Williams, says, "He has about five speeds," which makes him the equal of a Ferrari transmission. . . averaged 22.6 in three years with Pan American and scored 30 points and took 13 rebounds in game with San Diego rookies. . . rated a better pro prospect than Luke Jackson by school athletic director James Brooks.

Joe De Pre Guard

St. John's 21 6-4 190

Captain at St. John's, he led his team to the finals of the NIT. . . averaged 16.4 points for Redmen on 21-8 season. . . can score from virtually any place on the court. . . quick and a very strong defensive player.



Suns have added ex-Laker Mel Counts to help out up front.



CLEM HASKINS



PAUL SILAS

Television

Selected road games over KTAR-TV (Channel 12), Bob Vache and Rod Hundley.

Radio

Entire schedule over KTAR with Bob Vache and Rod Hundley.

Suns Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	3	39	43	9	1968-69	6	16	66	39
Individual Leaders									
Scoring					Field Goal Percentage				
1969-70	Connie Hawkins			24.6	1969-70	Jim Fox			52.4
1968-69	Gail Goodrich			23.8	1968-69	Dick Snyder			47.2
1967-68	no team				1967-68	no team			
Rebounding					Assists				
1969-70	Paul Silas			11.7	1969-70	Gail Goodrich			7.5
1968-69	Jim Fox			10.3	1968-69	Gail Goodrich			6.4
1967-68	no team				1967-68	no team			

PORTLAND TRAILBLAZERS



Rick Adelman, who wore a 12 with San Diego last year, will keep same number with Portland. But he'll have to improve on his .389 shooting average to help the expansion club.

Team Profile

President	Herman Sarkofsky
Executive Vice-President	Harry Glickman
Coach	Roland Todd
Director of Player Personnel	Stu Inman
Director of Public Relations	John White
Trainer	
Office: 380 Lloyd Bldg., 7000 NE Multnomah St., Portland, Oregon 97232	
Arena: Memorial Arena (12,500)	

TEAM COLORS: Red, Black and White
1969-70 RECORD: no team

1970-71 Division alignment
NBA Pacific
Los Angeles
Portland
San Diego
San Francisco
Seattle

STRONG POINTS: Unlike the other two expansion teams, the Blazers don't have a man on the team who figures to be a top-notch performer. The others may only have one or two, but the Blazers have none. They have some adequate people like guard Jim Barnett, acquired in a trade from San Diego for Larry Siegfried, and forward Gary Gregor, but the closest thing to a standout is a rookie, guard Geoff Petrie of Princeton, the first draft pick. What the Blazers have are a lot of fellows who once were No. 1. Fred Hetzel, for example, was picked first by San Francisco in 1965, Leroy Ellis first by Los Angeles in 1962, Jim Barnett by Boston in 1966, Gregor by Phoenix in 1968 and Pat Riley by San Diego in 1967. In a sense, then, the team has inherited everybody else's mistakes. All of these fellows have or had potential somewhere along the line. Hetzel, for example, has always scored well, even to the point of averaging 19 points for San Francisco in 77 games in 1968. But he split time the following year between Milwaukee and Cincinnati and then went to Philadelphia where he hardly played at all. All of these players have some degree of competence. It will be up to coach Roland Todd to make the best use of each degree or try to expand upon it.

WEAK POINTS: In a sense this team is like a collection of used cars. There is something wrong with everyone of them. Basketball teams, like car owners, don't get rid of cars because they are perfect. In this case, perfection is an absurd thought. There is simply nothing here to recommend success. It should be enough to say that all these players were second-stringers and that seven of the 10 played for losing teams. Now, what does that do for Portland?

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The wisest course would be to use up the full 24 seconds each time. In this way, the offense would help the defense. The scoring will come, if it comes at all, from the forwards and guards.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Their fans can only hope that when they are on offense the Blazers can hold onto the ball for the full 24 seconds.

NEW FACES OF 1970: Princeton guard Geoff Petrie has the ability to become an above average guard in the NBA. He may even become a star someday. Forward Walt Gilmore of Fort Valley State has a good reputation as a shooter.

THE BIG IF: If the fans in Portland will allow this outfit to remain in operation it may field a team in 1971-72 that is better than the one it has now.

SUM UP: The record for most games lost is 67 by San Diego in 1968. The record for longest losing streak is held jointly by the '68 Rockets and the '65 San Francisco Warriors and the record for worst percentage, .183, is held also by the Rockets. Take heart, San Diego, your records are close to being broken.

THE MANAGEMENT: The Knicks and Seattle played a game here late last season and sold out the place. It was then announced the team nickname was Trailblazers. The audience stood and booed. A few weeks later the nickname was changed to Trail Blazers. There was no public gathering at the time. Nor was there a public gathering when they picked this team.

The Portland Stars

Rick Adelman Guard No. 12
Loyola of L.A. 23 6-1 180

3rd Year

On a team of bad shooting guards (San Diego), Adelman's shooting was the worst—.389 last year...averaged 7.4 points a game...averaged 21 points senior year in college... San Diego's 7th pick.

Jim Barnett Guard No. 33
Oregon 26 6-4 180

5th Year

Possibly the best of the bunch, has had two good years and was obtained in a trade with the Rockets for Larry Siegfried after the latter was acquired in expansion from Celtics... a former Celtic No. 1 pick, Barnett averaged 14.6 and 14.9 points last two seasons... in addition is a fairly good ball handler and passer...he evens things out for Adelman, having been San Diego's best shooting guard last year—.451.

Leroy Ellis Center No. 25
St. John's 30 6-10 210

9th Year
New York City

An adequate second center who may find himself thrust into a starting role... a regular two years running for

Portland Trail Blazers Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
12	Rick Adelman	G	6-1	180	23	2	Loyola of L.A.
33	Jim Barnett	G	6-4	180	26	4	Oregon
25	Leroy Ellis	F-C	6-10	210	30	8	St. John's
44	Gary Gregor	F	6-6½	230	25	2	South Carolina
—	Fred Hetzel	F	6-8	225	28	5	Davidson
40	Stan McKenzie	G	6-5	195	26	3	New York U.
35	Ed Manning	F	6-7½	215	26	3	Jackson St.
41	Dorie Murrey	F	6-8	215	27	4	Detroit
42	Pat Riley	G	6-4	208	25	3	Kentucky
54	Dale Schleuter	C	6-10	226	24	2	Colorado St.

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
36	Bill Cain	F	6-7	220	22	Iowa State
38	Ron Knight	F	6-7	220	23	Los Angeles State
45	Geoff Petrie	G	6-4	195	22	Princeton
48	Walt Gilmore	F	6-6	205	23	Ft. Valley State



Trail Blazers' top draft choice Geoff Petrie, out of Princeton, starred in a rookie camp game last March. Rumor is many scouts rate him over the more publicized Charlie Scott.

Baltimore before Wes Unseld came into the league . . . a quiet man, a nice man . . . had only 1163 minutes playing time last year and averaged 6.6 points . . . a pretty good shooter and rebounder, bothered by absence of muscle

Gary Gregor Forward No. 44
South Carolina 25 6-6½ 235

3rd Year

Had fair rookie year (11.1 points) with Phoenix and was then swapped to Atlanta for Paul Silas . . . averaged less than half a game for Hawks and averaged 8.1 points . . . an exceptional medium range shooter in college and a very

strong rebounder who had deceptive speed . . . he seems to suffer from a lack of confidence playing one-on-one . . . common complaint in college was "if he only knew how good he could be, he would be very good."

Fred Hetzel Forward No. —
Davidson 28 6-8 235

6th Year
Washington suburb

The next Jerry Lucas became the first Fred Hetzel . . . came out of Davidson with tremendous reputation . . . employed by stock brokerage in Washington and reportedly drawing a salary you wouldn't believe . . . would you believe

\$60,000 last year... only comparison now to Lucas would be seeming disinterest.

Stan McKenzie Guard No. 40
New York U. 26 6-5 195

4th Year

One of those players who seems to just miss making it as at least a semi-regular... played very little last year after showing he may have deserved better... fifth-leading scorer in NYU history... plays a mean trumpet, paints in water colors and speaks fluent Italian... his wife Vashti also paints and is a professional model... owns a 56-foot yacht.

Pat Riley Guard No. 42
Kentucky 25 6-4 208

4th Year

Three-times most valuable player at Kentucky... captained team senior year and made All-America with 21.9 average... passed up chance with NFL Dallas Cowboys to sign as San Diego's first draft choice... knee injury in '68-69 season slowed his career and last year he had least playing time of all San Diego players.

Dorie Murrey Forward No. 41
Detroit 27 6-8 215

5th Year

Part-time player with Detroit and Seattle... a strong rebounder who has not gotten much playing time in three pro seasons.

Ed Manning Forward No. 35
Jackson State 26 6-7 210

4th Year

Three-year pro drafted from Chicago... played two-and-a-half seasons with Baltimore before moving to Bulls midway through 1969-70 season... has averaged 4.3 points a game... tough defensive forward and really scraps.

Top Rookies

Geoff Petrie Guard No. 45
Princeton 22 6-4 195

1st Year

Averaged 17 points in three years at Princeton, topped by 22.3 senior season... scored game high of 28 in one-point loss to UCLA... "He was rated by many scouts," claims Stu Inman, director of player personnel, "above Charlie Scott of North Carolina... was Trail Blazer's No. 1 draft choice.

Walt Gilmore Forward No. 48
Ft. Valley State 23 6-6 225

1st Year

Averaged 23.2 points a game as senior, hitting 62.2 per cent of his shots... averaged 15.2 rebounds... rated as both tough and very physical... a top rebounder.

Billy Cain Forward No. 36
Iowa State 22 6-7 205

1st Year

Fifth highest scorer in Big Eight history with 1,498 career points... his 518 free throws were the highest career total of all time at Iowa State... very good in heavy traffic around the basket... can also rebound... his 957 career rebounds are fourth highest in Big Eight recordbook.

Ron Knight Forward No. 38
Los Angeles State 23 6-7 220

1st Year

As a senior averaged 20.7 points a game and 12.2 rebounds... supposed to have "good shooting range and a capacity for leadership."

Television

KPTV (Channel 12) Jimmy Jones does the play-by-play.

Radio

KOIN (970)



NYU's Stan McKenzie: will he finally make it in NBA?



LEROY ELLIS



JIM BARNETT

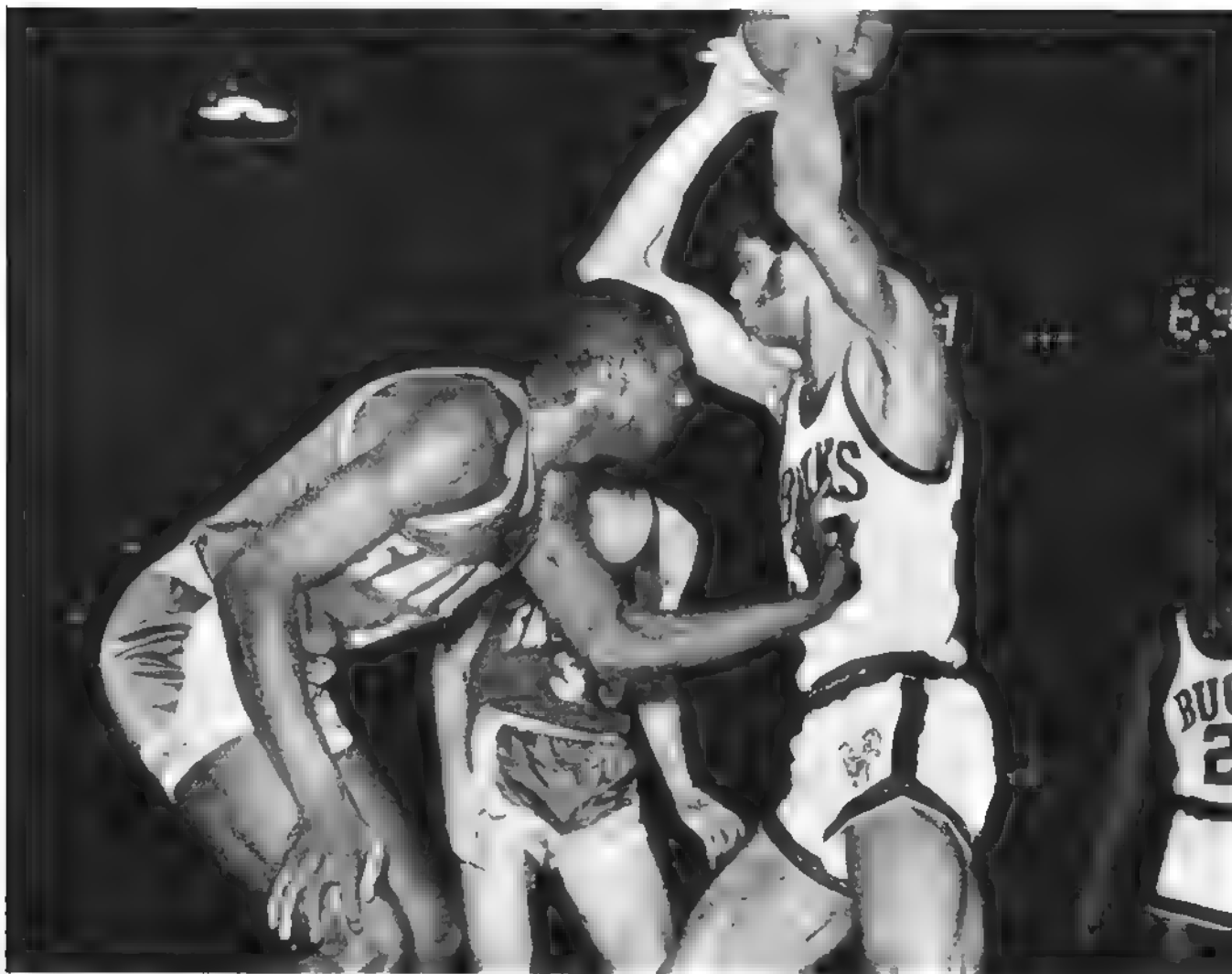


PAT RILEY



RON KNIGHT

SAN DIEGO ROCKETS



Elvin Hayes likes to keep in touch with his old college rival, Lew Alcindor, now the big man for Milwaukee Bucks.

Team Profile

President Robert Breitbard
 General Manager Pete Newell
 Coach Alex Hannum
 Director of Player Personnel Max Shapiro
 Director of Public Relations Bob King
 Trainer Barry Wyloge
 Office: Sports Arena, 3500 Sports Arena Blvd., San Diego, Calif., 92110
 Arena: San Diego International Sports Arena (14,000)

TEAM COLORS: Green and Gold and White

1969-70 RECORD: Won 27, Lost 55, 7th in West

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
3	Atlanta	4	1	New York	5
2	Los Angeles	5	0	Milwaukee	6
4	Chicago	3	0	Baltimore	6
0	Phoenix	7	2	Philadelphia	4
4	Seattle	2	2	Cincinnati	4
5	San Francisco	2	2	Boston	4
			3	Detroit	3
18		23	10		32

1970-71 Division Alignment

NBA Pacific
 Los Angeles
 Portland
 San Francisco
 San Diego
 Seattle

STRONG POINTS: In the face of overwhelming defeat, boundless enthusiasm. Example: "I couldn't be happier," Elvin Hayes said prior to his team's fiftieth defeat. Example: "I've said before that Elvin Hayes can play center for an NBA championship team," coach Alex Hannum said after signing forward Rudy Tomjanovich. Turning to Tomjanovich, he said, "He (Hayes) needs more help than he's had and this is an outstanding pro prospect... I expect to be coaching the All-Star team in January." Now these are the words of men whose team has lost 155 games in its three-year existence. With the Rockets plummeting down from a 27-55 season one can only wonder at the heights of optimism that might come from a few victories. One can only wonder, for the Rockets have only won a few games. And yet they do have Elvin Hayes and they have drafted Tomjanovich and the feeling that little Calvin Murphy will make it does persist. And, finally, there is Alex Hannum.

Sarge Hannum. The Rockets lost uncontrollably last season AFTER Hannum replaced Jack McMahon. And yet people swear they looked better losing a lot for Hannum than in winning occasionally for McMahon. And they have added Larry Siegfried who will probably benefit from a change of scenery. There is this feeling that San Diego is going to be the biggest surprise the NBA has seen in years. And this group, plus tough no-nonsense people like John Block and Toby Kimball—men molded in Hannum's image—could make it all happen. Not logically, mind you, but possibly.

WEAK SPOTS: Everywhere. As he heads into his third NBA season Hayes still can't play defense. He still is inadequate as a passer; he still makes God-awful mistakes. Yet, he is still brilliantly talented. None of the team's incumbent forwards can shoot past five feet from the basket and the returning guards may be the worst collection of shooters ever brought together on one team. Yes, the worst. There is Bernie Williams (.392), and then there is Art Williams (.407). Hannum kept Stu Lantz (.443) and got rid of the rest. But he better hope Siegfried (lifetime .410 and .424 last year) has simply had an off-career. One thing you have to give the Rockets: they are quick. And another: they are scrappy. How bad would they have been if they were lazy? Worse than 13th in shooting? Worse than last in defense (121.8)? Not likely. Hannum came in and got them in shape. Maybe it will pay off this time around, especially with only eight veterans—including Siegfried—on the roster. They will be without Don Kojis, the second-best shooter on the team, but that won't hurt, thank goodness. Potentially, there is enough pain.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Hopefully, it will be a bit more this time than pitch it to Elvin and let him shoot it. In the past Hannum has gone for an organized offense, one that brings all five players into the attack. Perhaps with Siegfried this can be accomplished.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Here, too, is a category upon which there is very little to form a basis for comparison. It should, however, be strongly suggested that the Rockets find a tendency and stick with it. Don't worry, if they've got it in them, Sarge will find it.

NEW FACES OF 1970: They are good ones, Rudy Tomjanovich, Calvin Murphy, the veteran Siegfried and other rookies like Jody Finney and Curtis Perry, both of whom should make it. The new faces have a great shot to make this team, maybe the best shot of any collective new group in the NBA. And they will likely do it on merit.

THE BIG IFs: If a happy Hayes is a willing-to-learn Hayes—and there are indications he is—and if the young people come through the Rockets can shoot all the way up to second place in the Pacific Division.

SUM UP: There IS talent here. If any coach will bring it out it will be Hannum. If the Rockets don't make a move up this season the organization had best fire the team and keep the coach.

THE MANAGEMENT: Is owner Bob Breitbard naive, a chiseler or cheap? Or a combination of two or three of the above? First it took a court order to get him to pay the minority (49 percent) stockholders in the sports arena their 49 percent of the Rockets' rent. He said he owned controlling interest and didn't have to pay at all. Then he passed up Pete Maravich in favor of Tomjanovich. Maybe there were extenuating circumstances. You figure it out.

The San Diego Stars

Elvin Hayes Center No. 11
Houston 24 6-9½ 235

3rd Year
Rayville, La.

The Big E led the league in scoring as a rookie (28.4) and was third last year (27.5), but first in rebounds (16.9) whereas he was fourth (17.1) the year before... Shoots incredibly well... "I followed him out to the circle and put my hand up and he shot over it and it went in," Willis Reed said. "I followed him out another five feet and figured, now he's out of range. And he made it. So, I followed him another five feet and he made that. I'm not going farther. I don't want to watch."... This was late last year and Reed's words made Hayes giggle like a schoolboy. Hayes grew up near Reed's hometown and idolizes the Knicks' center. "I want to be just like him."... the leading career college scorer until Maravich came along... transformed from a

San Diego Rockets Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
34	John Block	F	6-10	220	26	4	Southern Cal
11	Elvin Hayes	C	6-9½	235	23	2	Houston
7	Toby Kimball	F	6-8	225	27	4	Connecticut
22	Stu Lantz	G	6-3	175	23	2	Nebraska
31	John Trapp	F	6-7	210	24	2	Nevada Southern
14	Art Williams	G	6-1	185	30	3	California Poly
18	Bernie Williams	G	6-3	180	24	1	LaSalle
—	Larry Siegfried	G	6-3	192	31	7	Ohio State

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
—	Don Adams	F	6-6½	210	22	Northwestern
—	Ron Belton	F	6-7	220	23	Bellarmine
—	Dennis Dickens	F	6-6	200	22	Azusa-Pacific
—	Jody Finney	G	6-4½	190	22	Ohio State
—	Calvin Murphy	G	5-9½	165	22	Niagara
—	Curtis Perry	F	6-7	210	21	SW Missouri St.
—	Rudy Tomjanovich	F	6-8	218	21	Michigan



Exciting rookie Calvin Murphy of Niagara should spark Rockets with his ball-handling wizardry and outside shot.

sulking giant to a happy young man after Hannum took over... basically open and friendly... biggest problem is lack of schooling in fundamentals

Larry Siegfried Guard No. _____

Ohio State 31 6-3 192

8th Year

Shelby, Ohio

Took a long time getting to Boston... drafted originally by Cincinnati, but played in old American Basketball League, then signed with St. Louis and picked up by Celtics in '63... always a part-timer, but averaged minimum 12.2 points last five years... slowed by muscle pulls in legs last couple years... leading foul shooter in NBA (.887) in '66... a bachelor, he was traded to Rockets for Jim Barnett after Portland got him in the expansion draft... good passer, good defender, smart player and should help the Rockets by starting right away.

John Block Forward No. 34

Southern Cal 26 6-10 220

5th Year

Los Angeles

Averaging over 16 points in three years with Rockets after spending rookie year on Lakers' bench... doesn't shoot well

outside, but strong inside and along baseline... club's second-leading rebounder each of last two seasons... had now famous run-in with Alcindor last year in Astrodome in what was a name-calling war... holds Southern Cal one-season record scoring average of 25.2... starter there all three varsity seasons... doubles as reserve center behind Hayes.

Toby Kimball Forward No. 7

Connecticut 28 6-8 225

5th Year

Framingham, Mass.

Alex Hannum has to like Toby Kimball for the way he plays—all-out, chasing all over the court. And he has to like Kimball for his looks. Next to Hannum, Kimball is the second-baldest man in the organization... remembers he once scored 10 points in two minutes as a Celtic against the Knicks. "But those were the old Knicks and the old Celtics and the game was almost over..." had 621 rebounds last year in only 1622 minutes... another Rocket non-shooter... led the nation in rebounding with 21 a game his senior year.

Bernie Williams Guard No. 18
LaSalle 24 6-3 180

If he could shoot he would be tremendous ... so quick he inspires friendly arguments among opposition ... one night after Dick Barnett defended well against San Francisco, Walt Frazier said, "You take fast Bernie Williams tomorrow." Barnett shook his head. "Uh-uh, Clyde. You got the Chico Renfro Award (named after an Atlanta disc jockey for himself), you take fast Bernie." ... benched in late season because he couldn't score.

Stu Lantz Guard No. 22
Nebraska 24 6-3 175

A 3-year starter in college, cracked Rocket starting lineup last year and finished with 14.5 average ... holds Cornhusker records for career scoring (16.2) ... quick with a good future.

Art Williams Guard No. 14
California Poly 31 6-1 180

Showed up at '67 rookie camp as free agent and won a job ... led club with 503 assists although he played only 1545 minutes past season ... again a problem of a poor shooter.

John Q. Trapp Forward No. 31
Nevada Southern 24 6-7 215

Says he is Knick coach Red Holzman's favorite player ... Holzman says, "Who is he?" ... John Q. Devil Trapp is a solid rebounder ... took down 309 rebounds in just over a 1,000 minutes last year ... the star of Nevada Southern Rebels' small college Pacific champs.

Top Rookies

Rudy Tomjanovich Forward
Michigan 21 6-8 218

Top rebounder and second highest scorer (behind Cazzie Russell) in Michigan history ... 1st-round pick in college draft ... ranked seventh in nation with 25.1 scoring average last year and 13th in rebounding with 14.4 ... averaged 19.5 points as sophomore and 25.7 as a junior ... twice All-American both wire services and four other polls ... had single-game highs of 48 points and 30 rebounds ... working

2nd Year
Washington, D.C.

3rd Year
Uniontown, Pa.

4th Year
San Diego

3rd Year
Detroit

Hamtramck, Mich.

toward degree in business ... had mumps just prior to rookie camp, but still looked good ... only question is whether he is quick enough to make it big in NBA.

Calvin Murphy Guard
Niagara 22 5-9½ 165

If he were three inches taller he would be great ... "He was clearly head and shoulders, in fundamentals, above everyone at rookie camp," Hannum says. "Calvin will be one of the most exciting rookies to hit the NBA in years ... averaged 33 points and had 23 assists in three rookies games with Los Angeles and Phoenix ... taken in second round of draft because of size ... great shooter with tremendous leaping ability and very high arch to prevent blocks ... gets off quick ... superb baton twirler, did his thing at halftime of Buffalo Bills games ... handles a ball so well was offered big money to join Globetrotters.

Curtis Perry Forward
SW Missouri State 21 6-7 210

Third draft pick ... picked for numerous small college All-America teams ... averaged 24.4 points and 17.1 rebounds as a senior ... worked as a security guard and supply clerk for office of Joint Chiefs of Staff in the Pentagon ... writes poetry and says Walt Frazier is his sports idol.

Jody Finney Guard
Ohio State 22 6-4½ 190

Had remarkable shooting year for Buckeyes, .576 percent while averaging 20.6 points ... his three-point play as sophomore tied Kentucky and enabled Ohio State to win Mideast NCAA title ... shot 90 percent fouls as junior, 88 percent as senior.

Norwalk, Conn.

Washington, D.C.

Springfield, Ohio

Television

KFMB (Channel 8), selected road games.

Radio

KFMB (760kc), all games.

Rockets Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind
1969-70	7	27	55	21	1967-68	7	15	67	41
1968-69	4	37	45	18	1966-67	no team			

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	Elvin Hayes	27.5
1968-69	Elvin Hayes	28.4
1967-68	Don Kojis	19.7
1966-67	no team	

Field Goal Percentage

1969-70	Elvin Hayes	45.2
1968-69	Elvin Hayes	44.7
1967-68	Don Kojis	44.6
1966-67	no team	

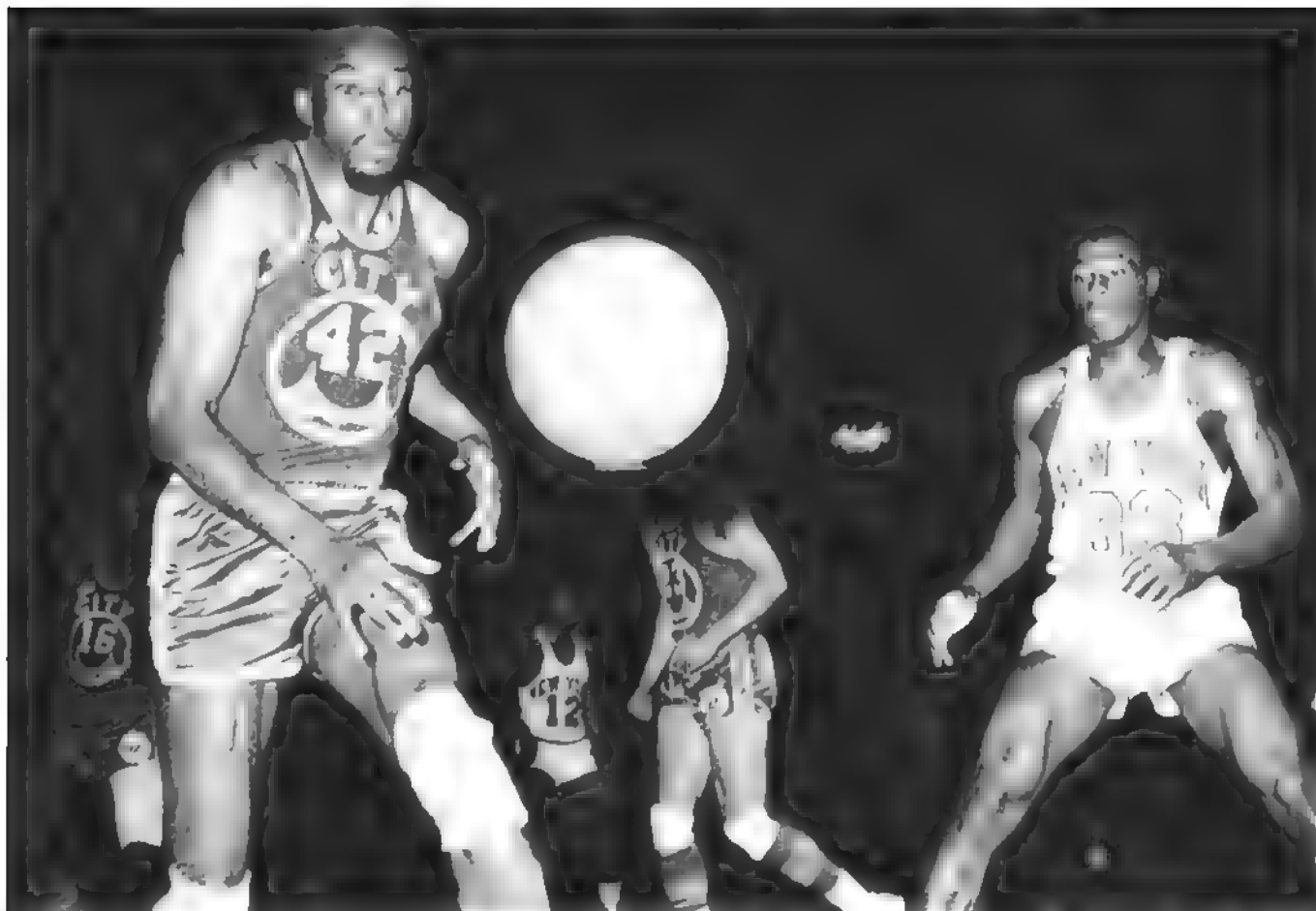
Rebounding

1969-70	Elvin Hayes	16.9
1968-69	Elvin Hayes	17.1
1967-68	Toby Kimball	11.7
1966-67	no team	

Assists

1969-70	Art Williams	6.3
1968-69	Art Williams	6.6
1967-68	Art Williams	4.9
1966-67	no team	

SAN FRANCISCO WARRIORS



Nate Thurmond, eyeing loose ball along with Knicks' Cazzie Russell, has knack for getting it.

Team Profile

PresidentFranklin Mieuli
 General ManagerRobert Feerick
 Coach Alvin Attles
 Director of Public Relations Harry Jupiter
 TrainerDick D'Oliva

Office: 566 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, Calif. 94102

Arenas: Cow Palace (14,500), Civic Auditorium (7,500),
 Oakland Arena (14,000).

TEAM COLORS: California Gold and Bay Blue
1969-70 RECORD: Won 30, Lost 52, 6th in West

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
2	Atlanta	4	1	New York	5
2	Los Angeles	5	2	Milwaukee	4
3	Chicago	4	1	Baltimore	5
3	Phoenix	3	0	Philadelphia	6
3	Seattle	4	4	Cincinnati	2
2	San Diego	5	4	Boston	2
			3	Detroit	3
<u>15</u>		<u>25</u>	<u>15</u>		<u>27</u>

1970-71 Division Alignment

NBA Pacific
 Los Angeles
 Portland
 San Diego
 San Francisco
 Seattle

STRONG POINTS: The best things you can say about the San Francisco Warriors are the following: Nate Thurmond, Jeff Mullins, Rick Barry and Zelmo Beaty. Now, Mullins is a Warrior. Period. Thurmond isn't sure he wants to be a Warrior any longer, but probably will be. Barry wants to be a Warrior again, but cannot be for at least two years. Zelmo Beaty was never a Warrior, is not now a Warrior and will probably never be a Warrior. But Beaty is important because he used to be an Atlanta Hawk, will be a Utah Star and is the reason—more correctly, one of the reasons—the Warriors are a lousy basketball team. To simplify matters, Mullins is apparently content, which is a nice thing to be in a town like San Francisco. Thurmond, a huge and talented man, has been totally discouraged by injuries that cut off good years in two of the past three seasons. Thurmond spoke of retirement, but will probably play on. Barry was a standout as an NBA

rookie, leading scorer in the league, the man who took the team to the NBA finals, the man who got greedy, jumped to the ABA and wants to get back. Only he can't because Earl Foreman, owner of the Virginia Squires, is smart enough not to let him get out of the remaining two years of his contract. Then there is Beaty, whose NBA rights Mieuli acquired from the Hawks AFTER Beaty decided to sit out last season so he would be the picture of health when he reported to the Los Angeles Stars, now Utah. Beaty is reportedly not crazy about Utah, but he likes money, so he will go. But the rights to him, you see, cost San Francisco its first-round draft choice. And who did Atlanta draft in the first round? Pete Maravich. As for the rest of the club, Joe Ellis is sometimes brilliant, sometimes horrible. Ron Williams has potential and Jerry Lucas a past.

WEAK SPOTS: As Jimmy Durante used to say, "I got a million of 'em." With young talent a pressing need, the Warriors gave up their first draft pick for the rights to Beaty, their second in a deal with Cincinnati (either as part of the Lucas deal or one for Adrian Smith—they would rather not say which) and failed to get the third-round pick. This leaves them with lesser choices and the same group that lost 52 times last year while scoring fewer points than any other team in the league—223 points worse to be exact. The return of Thurmond will help if big Nate has recovered completely from his knee operation necessitated by a fall in the 43rd game of last season. Then there are veterans Dave Gambee, 33, and Adrian Smith, 33. Then there is Al Attles, 33. But Attles has made his playing subordinate to his coaching. Therefore, he doesn't play very much, further weakening the team. Combine this with the league's worst shooting and Lucas' bad knees and retiring attitude. It was said of Lucas, "He already retired, he just ain't told nobody, yet." Sometimes this was painfully true. Now, mix this in with frequent mediocre performances by Joe Ellis and Clyde Lee and stir well with three nondescript rookies and what have you got? Last place, maybe.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Usually the Warnors tend not to be able to score. When they can score they do it either 20 feet from the basket or with Thurmond's muscle. Hopefully, Lucas will add in a bit of his.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The Warriors maintain a slow tempo, so they don't give up a lot of points. They do a better job of defending than they do attacking with a business-like switching man-for-man.

NEW FACES OF 1970: The three on the roster are 6-6 Pat Foley, a year out of College of Pacific, Levi Fontaine of Maryland State and Ralph Ogden. Bud's brother—of Santa Clara. Don't feel bad if you haven't heard of them.

THE BIG IF: Probably Thurmond's knee and Lucas' attitude. Lucas, who fared so badly in business he was forced to declare bankruptcy, is not always a dedicated performer.

SUM UP: This will probably be a bad season for the Warriors, at best a mediocre one. They simply do not have the personnel, at least in uniform.

THE MANAGEMENT: Mieuli does some classy things. For example, he has this ritzy setup for patrons. The booze flows and they can forget the debacle at hand. He was also the only owner who sent his bartender to the All-Star game (in Philadelphia). Now any owner who cares that much about his bartender has to be a class guy.

The San Francisco Stars

Nate Thurmond Center No. 42

8th Year

Bowling Green 28 6-11 235

San Francisco

Missed 39 games last year, 11 the year before, 31 the year before that and 16 the year before... has never had the publicity of Russell, Chamberlain, Alcindor or Reed, but he ranks close to them, when he can play... a great defensive force and a superb rebounder, he simply cannot shoot very well, but has no other major weakness... once took 42 rebounds in a game against Detroit... picked to the All-Star game five times, but missed two of them with injuries... was averaging 21.9 points and almost 18 rebounds a game when he was disabled last year.

Jeff Mullins Guard No. 23

7th Year

Duke 28 6-4 200

Lexington, Ky.

Spent two years on Hawks' bench waiting for a chance, was taken by Bulls in expansion draft and wound up in San Francisco as partial payment for Guy Rodgers... a tremendous bargain, he had a fair first year and has averaged 18.9, 22.8, 22.1 points last three years... one of the great guards in Duke basketball history... Warriors' best scorer, best shooter, deadly from foul line... has personal goal to make half his shots and 90 percent of free throws and came closest last year with .46 percent and 85 percent... quiet, intelligent man, totally dedicated.

San Francisco Warriors Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
16	Al Attles	G	6-0	185	34	10	N.C. A&T
31	Joe Ellis	F	6-6	175	26	4	San Francisco
20	Dave Gambee	F	6-6	215	33	12	Oregon St.
43	Clyde Lee	C-F	6-10	225	26	4	Vanderbilt
32	Jerry Lucas	F	6-8	230	30	7	Ohio St.
23	Jeff Mullins	G	6-4	200	28	6	Duke
33	Bob Portman	F	6-5	100	23	1	Creighton
10	Adrian Smith	G	6-1	190	33	9	Kentucky
42	Nate Thurmond	C	6-11	235	28	7	Bowling Green
21	Ron Williams	G	6-3	190	25	2	West Virginia
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
54	Pat Foley	F	6-6	210	23		College of Pacific
12	Levi Fontaine	G	6-4	190	21		Maryland St.
22	Ralph Ogden	F	6-5	205	22		Santa Clara

Al Attles Guard No. 16
North Carolina A&T 34 6-0 180

Named coach as team floundered under George Lee and virtually gave up as a player... may allow himself more court time this year as he familiarizes himself with the job... never a scorer, his strength is his defense... Wilt Chamberlain says that with his size as a consideration he is the strongest man in the league... was a Warrior when club was in Philadelphia and is the only man with the club who goes back that far... an articulate, humorous man who should make it as a pro basketball coach.

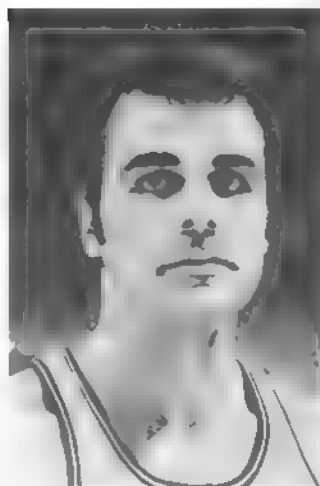
Jerry Lucas Forward No. 32
Ohio State 30 6-8 230

"The worst thing to happen to Jerry was the decision people made that he was a super star," Bob Cousy said a few weeks after trading him away. The reason Cousy gave is "he isn't. But people expect too much because they think he is."... in a six-year career as a non-super star at Cincinnati, Lucas averaged nearly 19 rebounds and almost 20 points a game with a shooting percentage close to 50... if there was a knock on him it was for being a little slow... he has bad knees and a wandering attention span toward the game now that he is involved in high finance like fast food franchising which forced him into bankruptcy... had 15.4 points and 14.3 rebounds with Warriors after coming over in first weeks of season... eternally optimistic. Soon after bankruptcy, said, "That's done, but, man, have I got something in the works. I'll make a fortune. An absolute fortune."



Clyde Lee climbs over Buck for rebound.

11th Year
San Francisco



DAVE GAMBEE



JOE ELLIS



NATE THURMOND



AL ATTLES

Joe Ellis Forward No. 31
San Francisco U. 26 6-6 175

Had his best season—15.8 points—but shot only 41 percent, just above career average... has streaks of brilliance and long periods of nothing... if he steadies he could be very good

5th Year

San Francisco

Dave Gambee Forward No. 20
Oregon State 33 6-6 215

One of the oldest players in league in point of service is playing in 13th year and for seventh team... his longest tour with one club was seven years for the Nationals-76ers organization where he had his best season... good defensively.

13th Year

Ron Williams Guard No. 21
West Virginia 25 6-3 190

A regular in second season, averaged 14.8 and showed at times he can be a steady guard... the leading passer on the club with 426 assists last year and an excellent free throw shooter... large assortment of offensive moves and is very quick.

3rd Year

Weirton, W. Va.

Clyde Lee Center-Forward No. 43
Vanderbilt 26 6-10 225

Leading Warrior rebounder last year with 929, a 10-point a game scorer over his career... big factor is his work on the boards.

5th Year

San Mateo, Calif.



Adrian Smith drives past Pistons' Butch Komives despite Butch's little wrist block.

Warriors Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	6	30	52	18	1966-67	1	44	37	—
1968-69	3	41	41	14	1965-66	4	35	45	10
1967-68	3	43	39	13					

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	Jeff Mullins	22.1
1968-69	Jeff Mullins	22.8
1967-68	Rudy LaRuso	21.8
1966-67	Rick Barry	35.6
1965-66	Rick Barry	25.7

Field Goal Percentage

1969-70	Jerry Lucas	50.7
1968-69	Jeff Mullins	45.9
1967-68	Jeff Mullins	43.9
1966-67	Jeff Mullins	45.8
1965-66	Al Attles	50.3

Rebounding

1969-70	Clyde Lee	11.7
1968-69	Nate Thurmond	19.7
1967-68	Nate Thurmond	22.0
1966-67	Nate Thurmond	21.3
1965-66	Nate Thurmond	18.0

Assists

1969-70	Ron Williams	5.3
1968-69	Jeff Mullins	4.3
1967-68	Al Attles	5.8
1966-67	Paul Neumann	4.4
1965-66	Guy Rodgers	10.7

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS



Mustachioed poet Tom Meschery is poetry himself as he glides up to basket for pair of points.

Team Profile

President Samuel Schulman
 Chairman of the Board Eugene Klein
 General Manager Richard Vertlieb
 Coach Lenny Wilkens
 Director of Public Relations Hal Chids
 Trainer Jack Curran
 Office: 158 Thomas Street, Seattle, Wash., 98109
 Arena: Seattle Coliseum (12,382)

TEAM COLORS: Green and Gold

1969-70 RECORD: Won 36, Lost 46, 5th in West

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
2	Atlanta	5	2	New York	4
0	Los Angeles	6	1	Milwaukee	5
3	Chicago	4	4	Baltimore	2
3	Phoenix	4	6	Philadelphia	0
4	San Francisco	3	5	Cincinnati	1
2	San Diego	4	1	Boston	5
			3	Detroit	3
14		26	22		20

1970-71 Division Alignment

NBA Pacific
 Los Angeles
 Portland
 San Diego
 San Francisco
 Seattle

STRONG POINTS: The first time through the league last year this team was pathetic; the second time it was bad, the third time mediocre; the fourth time something happened and nobody could figure it. The Sonics were 16-11 the last two months of the season and they almost made the playoffs. They were one of three Western teams to finish the season with a winning record against the East (22-20) and they destroyed Philadelphia (6-0) and Cincinnati (5-1). Primarily, they did it because they had Lenny Wilkens, their coach, their playmaker and their second-best scorer.

Wilkens made good use of Dick Snyder after acquiring him in a trade from Phoenix and took pains with Lucius Allen, bringing him along slowly and with great care. But he still had a motley team, an unlikely scorer in Bob Rule who did awfully well with a 24.6 average, an aging poet, Tom

Meschery, as his starting center, and a castoff forward, Bob Boozer, who rebounded well and added scoring from the corner. Anybody who made a contribution is back and Wilkens has added forward Don Kojis from San Diego to strengthen his front line.

Of the team's six rookies, five are big men; the sixth is a very promising guard, Jake Ford of Maryland State. After Wilkens there is no name player on the Seattle roster. But there are no real clunkers, either. It is not a bad team at all.

WEAK SPOTS: The Sonics have three problems, the most important of which is age. Boozer, Kojis, Meschery and Wilkens range from 31 to 33 and from seven to 10 years experience. This, obviously, is more than a sprinkling of experience. They are at the age when muscle pulls, aches and pains are more serious and require more time in healing.

The other problems stem from the absence of a true star player and of a genuine strong man inside. Rule, the 6-9 center, led the team with 10.3 rebounds a game last year. Ten of the league's other 13 teams had men who did better. Rule's best game is away from the basket which generally leaves the offensive boards to old men of the front line, Meschery and Boozer and now Kojis. Wilkens can't go all the way with his first five because it is neither good enough to sustain him for 40 minutes nor young enough, in most cases, to be able to do so.

What all of this means is the Sonics are probably not good enough to finish higher than a position around the middle of the division. But they shouldn't be bad enough to finish at the bottom either.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Not big enough to control the boards and not young enough or fast enough to run anybody into the floor, the Sonics have to be content with a setup, pop-shooting offense that operates around Rule. If he isn't scoring there is rarely any offense at all.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Seattle has to play a rather cautious game. When an opponent gets by there is no hoping a big man can pick him up inside. The guards play it well and Meschery plays it manfully. But nobody else can do much about it.

NEW FACES OF 1970: The most important may be Don Kojis, who comes over from San Diego after a season in

which he had a falling out with Elvin Hayes and then broke an ankle. Rookies Jake Ford, a guard, and Pete Cross, at 6-9 the third-best college rebounder in the nation last year, are the best first-year men.

THE BIG IFs: Basically, it's a matter of whether the old fellows can hold together for another season. If they can and if the younger players continue to improve, Seattle will be trouble.

SUM UP. It would be foolish to even consider the Sonics as title contenders. But it would be equally foolish to consider them as anything worse than lower middle class. They won't be top class, but they will be capable of causing trouble.

THE MANAGEMENT: Among the least flamboyant in the league, allowing Wilkens to take care of most of the front work. And he does a good job. The manner in which the team responded after an 0-6 start shows off Wilkens' abilities as a coach as well as his abilities as a player. Even trainer Jack Curran has a good reputation around the league, so much so that he takes players like Willis Reed big game hunting in the off season.

Seattle Stars

Lenny Wilkens Guard No. 19
Providence 33 6-1 185

11th Year
Seattle

One of the only two player-coaches left in the league (the other is Al Attles) of San Francisco, but the only one who plays regularly . . . leading passer in league in '70, finishing with average of 9.1 assists, while scoring 17.8 . . . had eight outstanding years with Hawks before a falling out with that organization resulted in his coming to Seattle in '68 . . . an All-Star seven times and fourth in all-time assists . . . a quiet, warm man with a totally professional attitude . . . even enjoys his double assignment. "It was a tremendous experience for me (last year). I've been through it once now and I'm confident I can coach in the NBA."

Bob Rule Center No. 45
Colorado State 25 6-9 235

4th Year

Fourth-leading scorer in NBA in '69 and ranked seventh last year . . . effective jump shooter 18 feet and in, especially

Seattle Supersonics Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
42	Lucius Allen	G	6-2	175	22	1	UCLA
20	Bob Boozer	F	6-8	225	33	10	Kansas St.
43	Barry Clemens	F	6-6	215	28	5	Ohio Wesleyan
—	Al Hairston	G	6-1	170	24	2	Bowling Green
—	Don Kojis	F	6-6	215	31	7	Marquette
14	Tom Meschery	F	6-6	230	32	9	St. Mary's
45	Bob Rule	C	6-9	235	25	3	Colorado St.
10	Dick Snyder	G	6-5	210	26	4	Davidson
44	Rod Thorn	G	6-4	200	29	7	West Virginia
19	Lenny Wilkens	G	6-1	185	33	10	Providence
11	Lee Winfield	G	6-2	175	23	1	North Texas St.
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
—	Pete Cross	C-F	6-9	235	22		San Francisco
—	Jake Ford	G	6-3	180	24		Maryland St.
—	Garfield Heard	F	6-6	215	22		Oklahoma
—	James Morgan	F	6-7	210	25		Maryland St.



Coach Lenny Wilkens has strengthened his team with new players and, at 33, still plays himself.

around the foul circle... a lefty, he has scored 40 or more points in a game nine times... sometimes moody, he was one of basic reasons team responded to late-season surge... known as the Golden One or the Golden Rule... has career average of 10.4 rebounds and leads Sonics in time on court... wears a goatee.

Tom Meschery Forward No. 14 10th Year
St. Mary's 32 6-6 230

An original Sonic after six solid years with the Warriors organization... a published poet and a very aware individual... his walrus mustache sets him apart... team captain and Wilkens' main man... has career average of 13.1 and had best shooting year of career, .481, last season... good, solid player, but now at stage where he requires rest periods.

Bob Boozer Forward No. 20 11th Year
Kansas State 33 6-8 225

Boozer has been around and has done well wherever he's been—Cincinnati, New York, Los Angeles, Chicago and now Seattle... had best seasons with Bulls when he averaged 21.5 and 21.7 before coming to Sonics last season...

excellent foul shooter and close to .50 percent field goal shooter last four years.

Don Kojis Forward No. 8th Year
Marquette 31 6-6 215

Was making a solid reputation as a top scorer until suffered ankle fracture last year that limited him to 56 games... had shooting seasons of 19.7 and 22.5 in first two years with San Diego when he got his first chance to play regularly... a more than adequate rebounder, he works the baseline very well... a conflict with Elvin Hayes early last season when San Diego was going bad almost guaranteed his departure by the end of the season... twice named to All-Star team.

Dick Snyder Guard No. 10 5th Year
Davidson 26 6-5 210

Came to Seattle in early-season trade and worked in 76 games with club, averaging 13.6 points and shooting a brilliant .528... aggressive defensive player with above average speed... broke into NBA with Hawks and played one year with Phoenix... one of the players around whom Davidson College built its first nationally-ranked basketball team.

Lucius Allen Guard No. 42
UCLA 23 6-2 175

2nd Year

Top draft choice, he got off to slow start and finished well with almost 10 points a game...passed for 342 assists although he worked only 1800 minutes...has the potential to become an outstanding player in the league...was among the best as he helped UCLA to its national championships during Alcindor years.

Lee Winfield Guard No. 11
North Texas State 6-2 175

2nd Year

Very quick and an exceptional jumper, played sparingly, but made 48 percent of his shots and averaged 5.6 points...had best games against Warriors, making 75 percent of his shots and averaging 9.3 against them.

Top Rookies

Pete Cross Center-Forward
San Francisco 22 6-9 230

Third-leading college rebounder last year with average of 18...twice West Coast Athlete Conference all-star and second-leading scorer in conference history...averaged 21.3 points last year and 34.6 the season before...Sonics were attracted to him by his board work and aggressiveness and drafted him second...will probably be used basically as a forward, but also as backup center to Rule.

Jake Ford Guard
Maryland State 24 6-3 180

Taken in second round on pick gained from Detroit...rated one of the finest outside shooters in college last year, making .556 of his shots as senior shooters in college last year, making .556 of his shots as senior and .558 on career...averaged 22.6 points in four years with Maryland State...as a junior named most valuable player in the NAIA tournament when he averaged 31 points...All-NAIA last two years and led team through one-loss season last year until an injury in late season limited his play in national tournament

Garfield Heard Forward
Oklahoma 22 6-6 215

Very strong and very fast, a tremendous leaper who led Oklahoma to one of the school's greatest seasons...could be one of the draft's surprise success stories.



Dick Snyder (10), shot a brilliant .528 last year and is also speedy and aggressive on defense.

Supersonics Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	5	36	46	12	1967-68	5	23	59	33
1968-69	6	30	52	25	1966-67	No Team			

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	Bob Rule	24.6
1968-69	Bob Rule	24.0
1967-68	Walt Hazzard	23.9
1966-67	no team	

Rebounding

1969-70	Bob Rule	10.3
1968-69	Bob Rule	11.5
1967-68	Tom Mescherry	10.3
1966-67	no team	

Field Goal Percentage

1969-70	Dick Snyder	.528
1968-69	Bob Rule	.46.9
1967-68	Bob Rule	.48.9
1966-67	no team	

Assists

1969-70	Lenny Wilkens	9.1
1968-69	Lenny Wilkens	8.2
1967-68	Walt Hazzard	6.2
1966-67	no team	

ABA TEAMS

CAROLINA COUGARS



Cougars like to set picks for ex-Duke star Bob Verga (with ball), who led the Carolina entry in scoring last year with accurate long jumpers.

Team Profile

President and General Manager Carl Scheer
 Vice President Robert L. Gorham
 Coach Bones McKinney
 Trainer and Traveling Secretary Tracey James
 Assistant to General Manager John Bostic
 Office: Greensboro Coliseum, 1921 W. Lee St., Greensboro, N.C. 27401
 Arenas: Greensboro Coliseum (8,900), Charlotte Coliseum (11,666); Dorton Arena, Raleigh (7,500)

TEAM COLORS:

TEAM COLORS: Carolina Blue, Cardinal Red

1969-70 RECORD: Won 42, Lost 42, 3rd in East

W	vs East	L	W	vs. West	L
4	Indiana	6	1	Denver	5
6	Kentucky	5	5	Dallas	1
7	New York	4	3	Washington	3
6	Pittsburgh	5	1	Los Angeles	5
6	Miami	5	3	New Orleans	3
<u>29</u>		<u>25</u>	<u>13</u>		<u>17</u>

1970-71 Division Alignment

ABA East
 Carolina
 Floridians
 Kentucky
 New York
 Pittsburgh
 Virginia

STRONG POINTS: It is not without meaning that Horace Albert (Bones) McKinney's initials are H.A.M. Once in his college career the Barrymore of the Bench kicked a shoe out to midcourt and raced to retrieve it, only to look up and find a fastbreak bearing down upon him.

"I did the only thing I could," the Cougar coach recalls "I threw up my hands and started playing defense."

Last year the only thing that kept Bones from throwing up his hands—or just plain throwing up—was Carolina's defense. Very little has changed.

"We just had to play good defense," McKinney says. "If we didn't we got whipped."

Since Carolina prospered very little in the draft—you remember Pete Maravich and all the hamburger stands he passed up to sign with Atlanta—Bones spent the off-season

gnawing his fingernails. But Bones is not known as basketball's Barrymore for naught.

"We have to make trades or we're in trouble," he told a reporter on a recent Tuesday afternoon. Less than 72 hours later Carolina announced it had sent Doug Moe to the Virginia Squires for Ira Harge and Gary Bradds.

Harge will strengthen the best defense in the league and Bradds won't hurt it.

Carolina's other virtues are limited to guard Bob Verga, one of the best outside shooters in basketball, and the fans who turn each of the Cougars' three home arenas into snake pits for opponents.

Harge and Bradds will help, but the loss of Moe is a big one. "The only guy we had that could handle him was the team doctor," said one ABA coach of the injury-plagued Moe, who missed part of the season.

WEAK SPOTS: Well, firstly, Carolina couldn't put the ball in the basket last season, which may be viewed as alarming. Secondly, the Cougars couldn't rebound. Thirdly, they couldn't run. Fourthly, McKinney is amazed they beat anybody.

"We took the club apart and put it back together last year," he says, having presided over the reconstruction that followed the demise of the Houston Mavericks and the birth of the Cougars. "We shouldn't have won 42 games last year."

Carolina also lost 42 games last year, one reason being its failure to score. The Cougars were the best defensive club in the ABA. They were also the second worst offensive team—right, we musn't forget Miami.

No potency was added with the trade with Virginia. Harge is a proven rebounder, but prior to the 1969-70 campaign his career scoring average hadn't reached double figures and he didn't cause Rick Barry any sleepless nights last year.

Bradds can score—if he reports, which is questionable. This leaves Verga, the third leading scorer in the ABA, and four guys named George when it comes to offense. And you know how they define a good defense.

Adding to McKinney's woes is Carolina's bench strength. One way of defining it would be to say that on some nights Bones would be better off using the ushers.

The draft brought little but unproven talent, most of it in the backcourt where the Cougars are deeper than they are up front.

Bones' famed "three-year plan" got off to a surprising start, but the consensus is that Year Two is going to be a long one.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Tendencies may be too strong a word. Habits is out of the question. What Carolina does for points is to turn on a machine named Verga and let the other four Cougars try and keep the other team from pulling the plug.

Last year Carolina couldn't run the break, mainly because they couldn't get the ball. Bones set up patterns geared to screen for Verga and occasionally he found picks around which to drive.

The coming of Harge will change things, which will be nice for Verga, who at season's end had trouble keeping his tongue in his mouth.

"We couldn't run a lick cause we couldn't get the ball," Bones moans. "We just sent five men to the board and prayed lots." Harge is among the five best rebounders in the league and he will enable McKinney to "turn the guards loose quicker and run more."

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: That Carolina is a sound defensive club is a tribute to Bones' canniness. He convinces everyone that defense is an integral part of the game, which in turn makes the Cougars a novelty in pro basketball.

Verga is usually a respirator case on defense, which he plays like a mosquito, irritating his man enough to be effective. The other Cougar guard is Gene Littles, also pesky but a nifty defender who glides around picks and is quick enough at flank speed to prevent opponents from consistently driving against him.

The Cougar defense sags badly in the middle, where Rich Niemann is willing but slow and George Peeples is quick but lacks size. Here Harge will pay dividends. He is the ablest defensive center in the league, quick, strong and an artful shot-blocker.

In the corners Bradds and Randy Mahaffey are at least competent. Mahaffey could become one of the better defensive cornermen in the league with added maturity and strength.

NEW FACES OF 1970: Few in number, Bones hopes they possess quality. Harge comes highly-recommended, Bradds is known as Super Sub. The rookies are unknown. L.C. Bowen, Vann Williford and Jerry Kroll will undergo close scrutiny as

Carolina Cougars Roster

NO.	VETERAN	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
11	Bob Verga	G	6-1	190	25	3	Duke
23	Gene Littles	G	6-0	175	26	1	High Point (N.C.)
24	Cal Fowler	G	6-0	175	28	1	St. Francis (pa.)
	Ira Harge	C	6-9	225	28	5	New Mexico
	Gary Bradds	F	6-8	215	26	6	Ohio State
13	Hank Whitney	F	6-7	230	30	9	Iowa State
35	Randy Mahaffey	F	6-7	210	26	3	Clemson
51	George Peeples	C	6-8	205	27	3	Iowa
52	Rich Niemann	C	6-10	240	23	1	St. Louis

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
—	Van Williford	G-F	6-6	205	22	No. Carolina State
—	L.C. Bowen	G	6-4	200	22	Bradley
—	Jerry Kroll	G	6-4	190	22	Davidson



Randy Mahaffey carries 12-pt. average into '70.



HANK WHITNEY



IRA HARGE



Rick Niemann—last year's top rebounder.

backcourt hopefuls Up front . . . better not to talk about it and upset good, old Bones.

THE BIG IFs: Will Harge be happy down on the farm after seeing the bright lights and big salaries of Washington? If he isn't—and he doesn't play well if he isn't—can Niemann—Peeples improve enough to make center more than a gaping hole?

Will Bradds become Super Regular, making the transition to fulltime employee? Will the Cougar defense be able to repeat its sterling performance against improved opposition? Can Verga average 27 points a game again?

These are the questions that trouble Bones' soul

SUM UP: If the questions that trouble Bones' soul are not answered affirmatively, Bones' spirits will reach a new low. The league is improved. "I couldn't believe the improvement," McKinney admits, and it doesn't appear as if the Cougars have matched the overall pick-up in quality. Another "startling trade" of the kind Bones keeps threatening, if it is for a mobile forward who can score, could keep the Cougars off the bottom rung of the Eastern division.

THE MANAGEMENT: Jim Gardner, whom Scheer replaced as president, tried to put his mouth where his money should have been last year and now Pete Maravich is wearing an Atlanta uniform. Gardner tried to talk Maravich to death. Reports that the best-known Southern pistol since John Wilkes Booth's would get a chain of hamburger stands from Gardner were untrue. Just as untrue was the million-dollar contract offer.

"Pete would have gotten a chain of Gardner's hamburger restaurants . . . only it would have been a one-restaurant chain," says an unimpeachable source close to Maravich. "One hot dog stand!"

The Cougars' dealings with Maravich were badly mishandled, but in drumming up support for the club, Carolina's front-office had no peer. Imaginative, Carolina ran a class operation, providing home-grown talent and statewide promotion with a philosophy of treating the fans like customers.

Although he was forced out, probably as part of the shakeup that ended with Scheer's hiring, young Don DeJardin was one of the best executives in pro basketball and

much of the Cougar success came from his ingenuity and hard work.

Now it remains to be seen if Scheer can build on a solid foundation

The Carolina Stars

Bob Verga Guard No. 11

4th Year

Duke 25 6-1 190

Third-leading scorer with 27.5 average . . . All-American on Duke squad that produced six pros . . . Sports car buff, owns one he has driven 150 m.p.h. . . Cougars his fifth ABA team . . . Led Dallas in scoring (23.1) rookie year before playing with Denver, New York and Houston . . . First team all-star . . . Great instincts for ball . . . Called indefensible by two league coaches . . . "Only way he can be ha; is to pressure him constantly in first half and hope you wear him down," says one . . . Fourth highest scorer in Duke history . . . Awesome shooting range . . . Says McKinney: "He has that ability to turn from defense to offense and get that easy basket" . . .

Ira Harge Center No.

5th Year

New Mexico 28 6-9 225

Called by ex-Washington teammate Rick Barry: "The most underrated center in the league . . . the key to our fast-break" . . . Forced mid-year raise out of Caps . . . Wanted to be traded to Stars, who were rumored moving to Albuquerque . . . The Big I ranked fifth in rebounding with 14 a game . . . Should score more in Carolina, where he won't have Barry in supporting cast . . . Most effective defender in league against Spencer Haywood and Mel Daniels, a boyhood friend with whom he went to high school and college . . . "I'm older than Mel and I taught him everything he knows," says Harge. "I know how to counteract all his moves" . . . Cut by Philadelphia of NBA, played one year in Spain . . . Holds single-game rebounding record (32) . . .

Gary Bradds Forward No. _____

6th Year

Ohio State 28 6-8 215

Scored 18.7 points a game after replacing Barry for ABA

champion Oakland two years ago, but sidelined part of last season with leg injury... Two-year All-American at Ohio State... Averaged 30.6 a game as senior... Played two years in North American Pro League, where he finished second in scoring... One year with Baltimore of NBA... Came out of retirement midway through '67 season... 3rd leading scorer in Ohio State history... Off-season high school science teacher...

Gene Littles Guard No. 23 3rd Year
High Point (N.C.) 26 6-0 175

First North Carolina player signed after club moved from Houston... Played four years of AAU ball before going to High Point, where he was a two-time NAIA All-American... Made All-NAIA third team as a freshman... Quick, clever playmaker... Nicknamed "Genie"... Tropical fish nut, once stayed up all night watching his fish... "My roommate thought I was nuts," he remembers... Second most accurate shooting guard in league (50 per cent from floor)... Speed compensates for lack of size... Contacted by teams interested in Littles several times during off-season, McKinney calls him "a no-no"...

Cal Fowler Guard No. 24 2nd Year
St. Francis (Pa.) 29 6-0 175

Made big improvement rookie season, still hampered by size... Started every game for 1968 U.S. Olympic team which beat two NBA teams in exhibitions... Strong playmaker, holds five St. Francis records... Three seasons with AAU Akron Goodyears, signed while working as sales rep for Goodyear... Captained '67 Pan-American team... Excellent fast-break guard... Says McKinney: "His long suit is playmaking but he shoots well enough to keep defenses honest"...

Randy Mahaffey Forward No. 35 3rd Year
Clemson 26 6-7 210

Third of four brothers to play at Clemson, where he was All-ACC first team... Made all-star team as rookie with Kentucky, was traded to New York and came to Cougars for draft rights to a 7-0 center that never made the Nets' roster... Fine endurance... One of better defensive forwards in league... Struggles to maintain weight because lives up to nickname of "Mr. Hustle"... McKinney says he's "good rebounder, excellent on defense and an adequate

outside shooter"... Also a particularly quick big man... Averaged 12 points and seven rebounds a game...

Hank Whitney Forward No. 13 9th Year
Iowa State 31 6-7 230

Standout in old American Basketball League with Pittsburgh, Chicago and L.A. before going to Eastern League... Averaged 16 points and 13 rebounds a game with New Jersey two years ago... Man of varied interests including writing poetry and listening to sophisticated stereo outfit "so music can soothe the savage beast"... McKinney calls him "our Great Eliminator: when he sets a screen it's a screen"... Dean of boys at junior high school in off-season... Steady reserve

Top Rookies

Vann Williford Guard-Forward
No. Carolina State 22 6-6 205

Could be key player for Cougars... Averaged 23.9 a game and was All-ACC... McKinney would like to use his size in backcourt, but there is a question of his ability to adapt to new position... "He'll make it big or he won't make it at all," predicts McKinney. "It depends on his ability to make switch"... NBA Phoenix' No. 3 draft pick...

L.C. Bowen Guard
Bradley 22 6-4 200

Could win starting job... Fine all-round talents... Third-leading scorer in Bradley history... Averaged 23 a game as senior... Strong, good defensive player... "He may really be able to help us," enthuses McKinney...

Jerry Kroll Forward
Davidson 22 6-4 190

Another college forward trying to make switch to backcourt... Averaged 13.9 a game at Davidson and was good boardman... McKinney rates him a candidate to make squad... Sixth draft choice of NBA's L.A. Lakers...

Radio

Carolina has best radio package in league. The Cougar Network has 35 stations with WSOC, Charlotte, the flag station. Bill Currie and Bob Lamey handle the broadcasts.

Cougars Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	3rd	42	42	17	1967-68*	4th	29	49	19
1968-69	6th	23	55	37	as Houston				

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	Bob Verga	27.5
1968-69	Stew Johnson	19.2
1967-68	Willie Somerset	21.7

Assists

1969-70	Doug Moe	5.3
1968-69	Willie Somerset	4.0
1967-68	Willie Somerset	3.7

Rebounding

1969-70	Rick Nieman	8.9
1968-69	Ken Rhine	11.0
1967-68	Art Becker	9.7

Three-Point Field Goals

1969-70	Bob Verga	66-125 (30.1%)
1968-69	Stew Johnson	64-183 (35.0%)
1967-68	Hal Hale	35-112 (31.3%)

DENVER ROCKETS



Denver's dynamic Spencer Haywood goes over an ex-schoolyard rival, Ira Harge, who is now with Carolina.

Team Profile

President Donald W. Ringsby
 Vice President-Secretary Gary Ringsby
 Vice President-Treasurer Gail H. Crawford
 General Manager Donald W. Ringsby, Jr.
 Operations Manager Del Klone
 Public Relations Director Bill Gullion
 Player Personnel Director Stan Albeck
 Coach Joe Belmont
 Trainer Lloyd Williams

Office: 3201 Ringsby Court, Denver, Colo. 80216

Arena: Auditorium-Arena (6,841); Coliseum (10,000)

TEAM COLORS: Orange, Black and White

1969-70 RECORD: Won 51, Lost 33, 1st in West

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
8	Dallas	4	2	Indiana	4
7	Washington	5	3	Kentucky	3
9	Los Angeles	3	5	Carolina	1
5	New Orleans	7	3	New York	3
			4	Pittsburgh	2
			5	Miami	1
29		19	22		14

1970-71 Division Alignment

ABA West

Denver
 Indiana
 Louisiana
 Texas
 Utah

STRONG POINTS: Spencer Haywood, an intimidating frontline the equal of any in the ABA defensively, Spencer Haywood, coach Joe Belmont's super-cool handling of Spencer Haywood, and addition of underrated Don Sidle make Denver even money to be the best in ABA West, Indiana notwithstanding. An irresistible force when he won both MVP and rookie awards, Haywood should benefit from year's experience, both technically and temperamentally.

"Haywood's a strange kid, but he's no dummy," says Rockets official. "He's an introvert with a tremendous temper, but Belmont kept the lid on it pretty well."

Sidle and neolithic Byron Beck join Haywood to form fine rebounding trio that can trigger one of game's most potent fast breaks.

If rookie Ralph Simpson is permitted to play, backcourt could be real plus. Larry Cannon comes from Flordians in trade, and could help. Hard-working Jeff Congdon and the

league's strongest guard, bullying Lonnie Wright, who hasn't quite forgotten he once played pro football, return.

Haywood, of course, is key. "There is no way to stop Haywood," says Pittsburgh official Buddy Jeannette, "and unless he is slowed down no one will stop Denver."

WEAK SPOTS: Final disposition of Ralph Simpson's case will determine whether Rockets have a weak spot or merely if it is simply stronger in one place than in another.

Simpson is a Michigan State junior with nine brothers and sisters whom he claims lack some of the luxuries of life, i.e., food, roof over their head, etc.

Denver's willing to provide relief via league's hardship clause, by which Haywood switched from Bologna to bouliabasse, but ABA owners fear public outrage and are studying matter

Cannon, who hasn't been invited to dinner often by his two previous coaches, can handle the ball well enough, but can't direct the attack. Congdon and Wright are adequate, but not the backcourt stuff of which champions are made.

The Rockets lost Larry Jones, sixth best scorer in league, in trade. Late-season personality squabbles with Belmont made him expendable. Take some doing to make up for his 24.9 points a game

Acquisition of Sidle may alleviate one problem. Rockets had trouble against teams with physical frontline they lost to Stars, 4-1, in Western semi-final playoffs. If sensational Simpson plays, team's biggest problem may be getting up for games this season.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Denver will lean even more heavily on its scoot-and-shoot attack with Sidle in line-up. Secret to Belmont's success was an uncomplicated offense. When he replaced John McLendon early in year he loosened up on everything from offensive play to bed-check, giving free rein to, and winning respect from, playground-oriented young players like Haywood and Larry Jones

"We'll run and gun," says Belmont. "Put the ball on the boards and then go after it." In Sidle and Haywood, Rockets can expect to average better than 33 rebounds a game

"They traded a player they didn't want (Jones) for Sidle and now they have the best rebounding in the league," says

Indiana Coach Bob Leonard, whose main problem now in repeating the Pacers' success of last season is keeping ahead of Rockets in West

Rockets, at times, utilize effective low-post offense because of Haywood's outside shooting skills and Becks' nifty hooks. Haywood does things men his size rarely even attempt, such as bringing ball upcourt. He'll hit long jump shots, he'll hit short ones, and watch him when he cradles the ball in one hand, drives to the basket, flying ten feet through the air and violently stuffing the ball down into the hoop. It's worthy of instant-replay.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: If good offense really is best defense, Rockets will continue to be one of ABA's least generous teams. But that notion is probably just a television announcer's daydream; the fact is the Rockets will be only adequate defensively.

Enjoying more glamorous aspects of defense-slapping shots into rafters, stuffing guards who dare drive the lane, etc. Haywood has occasional lapses in the pro's man-to-man defense. "But they don't last very long," moans one ABA coach. "If his man is embarrassing him, Haywood plays brutal defense"

Beck can be had by small pivots who must rely on quickness rather than strength and height. He can be had, but not consistently enough to make him weak line

Belmont relies on guards to slip picks and his frontline to retrieve most inaccurate shots. "We try to pressure outside to force mistakes," he says. "We like to cause the bad shot, then hit the board and run."

Congdon and Wright are both honest workmen and, taken inside by their charges, are not the patsies many ABA guards become when faced with bruisers in frontcourt.

If Sidle can reduce double-teaming of Haywood on offense, he'll also minimize traffic around ABA's first home-grown superstar at other end. Awareness that Denver will allow few offensive rebounds also figures to psyche opposing coaches occasionally

NEW FACES OF 1970: If Simpson isn't available, new faces won't be seen very often. Only three rookies are given

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NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
40	Byron Beck	C	6-9	230	26	3	Denver
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23	Jeff Congdon	G	6-1	190	26	3	Brigham Young
22	Julie Hammond	F	6-5	215	27	3	Tulsa
24	Spencer Haywood	F	6-9	225	21	1	Detroit
50	Julius Keye	C	6-10	225	24	1	Alcorn A&M
44	Ben Warley	F	6-8	200	34	10	Tennessee A&I
42	Lonnie Wright	G	6-2	205	24	3	Colorado State
---	Don Sidle	F	6-9	220	24	3	Oklahoma U.
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
---	Dan Hester	F	6-8	210	22		LSU
---	Rob St. Pierre	F	6-6	190	21		Hanover (Ind.)
---	Jim Penix	G	6-5	185	22		Bowling Green (Ky.)
---	Phil Harmon	G	6-2	170	22		Kansas

much chance to stick, but one may prove crucial to championship aspirations

Jim Penix, lackluster as junior, averaged 22.9 points at Bowling Green in senior season, and might step into backcourt job. "He could be a real sleeper," says Belmont, "and he might become a starter." Other first year men are Dan Hester, who was Peter Maravich's alter ego at LSU, and



BYRON BECK



JEFF CONGDON

Rob St. Pierre, an NAIA All-America from Hanover (Ind.) College. Considered as much suspect as prospect are rookies Phil Harmon, guard from Kansas, and handful of free agents

Don Sidle and Larry Cannon from Floridians will give team fresh face

THE BIG IFS: How well Sidle and Cannon fit into offense, and how well they coordinate with Spencer Haywood, whom offense revolves around. Rockets hope they can play Simpson this season to make up for loss of firepower in backcourt when they traded high-scoring Larry Jones

THE MANAGEMENT: Having carved staggering fortune from trucking business in Rocky Mountain area, Bill Ringsby, Rockets' board chairman, and sons Don and Gary are mavericks of ABA. Bill Ringsby made no secret of fact he is perhaps lone ABA big-wig to favor telling NBA one thing it might do with proposed merger. He made bold and unprecedented moves by signing Spencer Haywood and Ralph Simpson while they still had college eligibility remaining, utilizing hardship case stories to justify moves.

Don, the 31-year-old general manager, thought his dad crazy when he told him he was buying a basketball team. Don had never seen a pro game before his dad owned Rockets; now he drops in on college games with pencil and clipboard to "scout" prospects.

Ringsbys are one of strongest ownership structures in league. Innovators, they hired black coach John McLendon, then without pious protestations, fired him when club morale hit rock bottom.

Denver sells out its arena regularly and tends to overlook problems of less-fortunate franchises. "Wilt Chamberlain wouldn't draw one more fan into our building," Don Ringsby is fond of noting, but Wilt's presence might put people in some seats elsewhere.

Denver scored when it chose Joe Belmont, ex-ABA official, to succeed McLendon, despite Belmont's lack of coaching experience, and by having the intelligence to back him up when star Larry Jones became recalcitrant.

It is impossible to eradicate image of Ringsbys as successful businessmen playing with a fun toy, but they've done it with verve, ability and class.

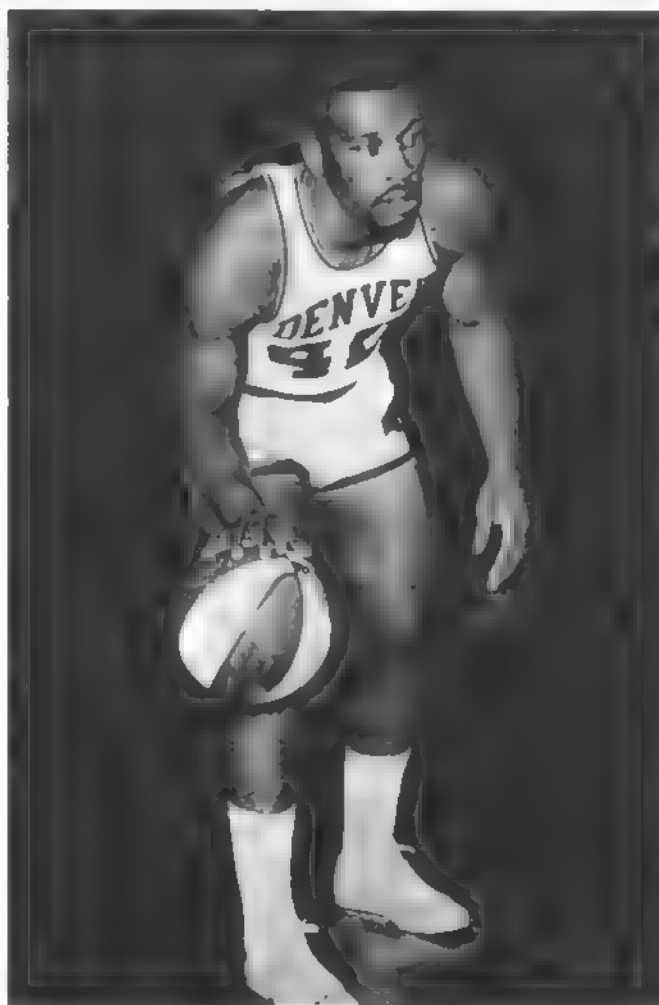
SUM UP: Everyone said Denver was devastating last season, but team flopped in playoffs. Could happen again. Something strange about this ballclub that could be corrected by getting rid of Jones. Then again, team could slip without his scoring and speed.

The Denver Stars

Spencer Haywood Forward No. 24
Detroit 21 6-9 225

2nd Year
Detroit, Mich.

Dominated ABA as rookie... averaged 30 points and 19.5 rebounds to lead league in both categories... also topped everyone on technical foul calls... prides himself on clothing, some of which he designs himself... would like to do radio-television work someday... "He would play in any league and be a superstar," says Knicks MVP Willis Reed... MVP in all-star game when he impressed national TV audience... only second rookie in pro history to score more than 2,500 points, duplicating effort by Wilt Chamberlain... averaged 7 points in playoffs... All-America at Detroit as sophomore, led U.S. to gold medal in 1968 Olympics right out of Trinidad Junior College... signed six-year contract with Rockets for reported \$1.9 million



Ex-Bronco back Lonnie Wright makes a strong guard.

Byron Beck Center No. 40
Denver U. 26 6-9 230

5th Year
Ellensburg, Wash.

Plodding, indestructible and a hustler despite awkward movements, Beck became one of better centers in league after switching positions with Haywood... accurate hook with either hand and fair turn-around jumper... finished second in two-point field goal accuracy with 52.4 percent and averaged 9.4 rebounds... tough under basket... National AAU All-America squad... starting center in second ABA all-star game.

Don Sidle Forward No. _____
Oklahoma U. 24 6-9 220

One of league's quickest big men... likes to pull opposing forward into corner and drive past him... eighth in rebounding and trailed only Haywood as offensive rebounder... can't put ball on floor too well, but may improve... was 13th in scoring with 20.8 average... was Floridians' No. 1 draft choice in 1968... must put out more to realize potential

Jeff Congdon Guard No. 23
Brigham Young 26 6-1 190

Favorite with fans... fine playmaker... averaged 5.4 assists, sixth best in league... scored 9.8 points a game as reserve... excellent three-point shooter, hitting 35%... led college team to 1966 NIT title... he keeps a team moving.

Lonnie Wright Guard No. 42
Colorado State 24 6-2 205

One of strongest guards in league as one might expect of ex-Denver Broncos defensive back... has three-year average of 13.2 points... often intimidates opposing guard... known as "mean man"... use of Wright kicked off troubles between Belmont and Larry Jones... picks club up with occasional scoring bursts

Larry Cannon Guard No. _____
LaSalle 22 6-5 195

Must make up for unimpressive start after signing contract for \$250,000 as only first round NBA-pick to choose ABA two years ago... acquired as hinge for Rockets' fast break... good man in middle... was most of college career and still hasn't made adjustment to backcourt completely... scored 35 in one game, but averaged only 11.8... likes to sleep alot and as a result retained chalky-white complexion even though he was living in Miami last season... did service hutch second half of season.

Julie Hammond Forward No. 22
Tulsa 27 6-5 215

Outstanding shooter and drives to basket well... shrugged off early-season injuries to close with 12-point and seven-rebound average... one of fastest forwards in ABA... all-time two-point percentage shooter with 51% over three seasons... led collegiate shooters in 1966-67.

3rd Year
Dallas, Tex.

Julius Keye Center No. 50
Alcorn A&M 24 6-10 225

Spells Beck and has fine potential... averaged eight points and seven rebounds... one of league's quickest defensive centers and good shot-blocker... was two-time NAIA All-America.

Ben Warley Forward No. 44
Tennessee A&I 34 6-8 200

Known around league as hatchetman, something of a dirty old man on the court... real policeman and always on patrol... experience has settling effect on young Rockets... strong defender who handles ball well... was on Tennessee State's NAIA championship teams with Dick Barnett and John Barnhill... top player in old ABL.

Top Rookies

Dan Hester Forward
Louisiana State 22 6-8 210

Overshadowed by Pete Maravich but stood out in NIT and attracted Rockets' attention with vigorous board plan and outside shooting skills... averaged 13 points a game as junior and senior... was all-Southeastern Conference

Jim Penix Guard
Bowling Green 22 6-4 185

Excellent outside shooter... averaged 22.9 senior season... made All-Mid-American Conference... Ohio schoolboy sensation

Bob St Pierre Forward
Hanover (Ind.) 21 6-6 190

Took Hanover to NAIA tournament twice and was All-America small college player last season... averaged 18 points a game, hitting 51% of shots, mostly from outside... has outside chance with ABA, too

Radio and Television

Selected regular-season games later in the year and playoff games will be broadcast by KOA-TV and KOA-AM, an NBC affiliate. Bob Martin, who broadcasts the Denver Broncos' football games, will handle the play-by-play, with Dick Carlson and Bob Rubin doing the color, on both radio and television

Rockets Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	First	51	33	—	1967-68	Third	45	33	3
1968-69	Third	44	34	14					

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

Scoring

1969-70	Spencer Haywood	29.9
1968-69	Larry Jones	28.4
1967-68	Larry Jones	22.9

Assists

1969-70	Larry Jones	5.7
1968-69	Larry Jones	3.4
1967-68	Larry Jones	3.6

Rebounding

1969-70	Spencer Haywood	19.5
1968-69	Byron Beck	11.0
1967-68	Willie Murrell	8.9

Three-Pointers

1969-70	Larry Jones	41-165 (46%)
1968-69	Walt Pratkowski	27-82 (33%)
1967-68	Jeff Congdon	13-15 (24%)

FLORIDIANS



ABA's all-time scoring leader Larry Jones (32) joins Floridians for the coming season in exchange for Don Freeman.

Team Profile

President Ned Doyle
 Executive Vice-President Josh Levine
 Vice-President and Treasurer Dave Zack
 General Manager Dennis Murphy
 Coach Hal Blitman
 Assistant General Manager Jay Deming
 Trainer Bill Norris

Office: 1674 Meridian Ave., Miami Beach, Fla.

Arena: Miami Beach Convention Hall North (9,000);
 Jacksonville Coliseum (8,500), Hixon Hall,
 Tampa (6,000); West Palm Beach Auditorium (5,500)

TEAM COLORS: Red and Orange

1969-70 Record: Won 23, Lost 61, 6th in East

W	vs. East	L	W	vs. West	L
2	Indiana	9	1	Denver	5
3	Kentucky	7	2	Dallas	4
5	Carolina	6	0	Washington	6
3	New York	8	2	Los Angeles	4
4	Pittsburgh	7	1	New Orleans	5
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1970-71 Division Alignment

ABA East
 Carolina
 Floridians
 Kentucky
 New York
 Pittsburgh
 Virginia

STRONG POINTS: The Floridians' strength this year lies with ridding the franchise of last season's weaknesses, accomplished by trading 80 per cent of the players

"I got rid of a bunch," says Coach Hal Blitman, raising the obvious question: A bunch of *what*? For openers, Blitman rid himself of a couple of prima donnas whose feet should have moved as fast as their mouths. Then he unloaded some other leadfeet with bad eyesight and now the Floridians are fast and able to find the hoop with something approaching regularity.

"The team was too slow and didn't have enough shooting power," says Blitman, a dealer in flesh on a par with the slave traders.

Three major trades brought speed (Mack Calvin), shooting power (Larry Jones) and a little of each (Ron Franz), and

those virtues will be what Florida fans discuss when they tire of talking about the sunshine.

Gone are Don Freeman, Larry Cannon, Don Sidle and assorted spear-carriers, but the Indians who dealt Manhattan Island should have gotten so much in return.

Blitman likes to run and play defense, and now he'll be able to do both, plus handle the ball and retrieve it from the boards. Calvin and Jones, the ABA's all-time leading scorer, are ideal fastbreak guards; the former to handle the ball, the latter to put it in the hoop.

Both can shoot—some nights Jones is unreal—and on the bench is the league's best pure shooter, George Lehmann. Franz and Tom Washington, acquired from Los Angeles, will start at forward and are suited for the running game, and center Skip Thoren has proven talents at rebounding and triggering the break with the critical quick-release pass.

WEAK SPOTS: Weak joints is more like it. If speed is Blitman's ecstasy, shaky knees are his agony. Thoren missed much of the past season with a badly-damaged knee and his backup man, Hal Booker, also needed knee surgery.

Thoren's recovery, or the lack thereof, will be the difference between caviar or liverwurst. "Can you play without a center?" is Blitman's way of putting it. "When Skip went, that was the ball-game. Now to all appearances he's 100 per cent."

What is only 50 per cent is the number of Floridian cornermen who can shoot from beyond 10 feet. Franz can; Washington is challenged to shoot from that range. But Blitman coached Washington in college. He thinks the old Trooper is a terror.

When Washington went to Los Angeles, Blitman told a reporter: "They'll win the championship with that guy." The Stars almost did. Some observers thought they did it despite, rather than with, Washington.

In any case Blitman needs another gunner at forward, along with an experienced backup man for Thoren who could play regularly if necessary.

He also doesn't have a guard who can handle the bigger backcourt men. But then who does?

Blitman's game follows a pattern. He has a guard who can score and one who can handle the ball. He has a forward to

shoot and one to rebound. And he has a center who can run and rebound. What he might not have is the last ingredient—five players who play defense baseline-to-baseline.

As soon as the Floridians get to know each other's first names, he'll begin finding out.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Blitman likes to play the game the way they do in those little flatland towns in Indiana, where they fast-break to the training table.

The Floridians were rebuilt—demolished?—primarily to find players who could run the break. Top rookie Fran O'Hanlon is a guard who can swing the break or finish it off.

"We'll run and take the opportunity shot," says Blitman, who in the off-season turned perhaps the slowest club in history of basketball into one of the fastest in the league.

It is also part of Blitman's coaching pattern to give shooting priority to his gunning guard. "Last season he told us he wanted Don Freeman to shoot 45 times a game . . . 45!" says an ex-Floridian.

Of course, the Floridians will also play a pattern game. But when they do, they'll very likely lose.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Here again Blitman leans on speed to run a pressure defense, end-to-end when possible. Last year, with guys who thought you weren't allowed to move unless you had the ball, it was impossible.

"This will be a different kind of a club," he says. "This one will play defense." The new personnel would indicate he isn't deluding himself.

Calvin is pesty, quick, tireless. Jones has flashy speed, beautiful instincts for the ball. O'Hanlon played defense, at least in college.

Up front it is murky. Thoren's knee, Franz' stamina and Washington's concentration are unknown quantities. But Washington is exceptional on defense when the mood strikes him, Thoren capable if the knee holds. Franz is a dandy outside shooter.

NEW FACES OF 1970: How about old faces of 1969? Or, okay, anybody who remembers what Jim Pollard looked like, raise your hand. Pollard was replaced by Blitman early in the season and because of a zany front office couldn't use his broom until the off-season. One day there was a new owner and—zap!—the old players disappeared quicker than the magician's rabbit.

Floridians Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
14	Tom Washington	F	6-7	225	26	3	Cheyney St.
15	Ron Franz	F	6-7	205	25	3	Kansas
44	Warren Davis	F	6-6	215	27	3	North Carolina A&T
22	Greg Wittman	F	6-8	210	23	1	Western Carolina
43	Skip Thoren	C	6-10	235	27	4	Illinois
41	Hal Booker	C	6-10	225	24	1	Cheyney State
32	Larry Jones	G	6-3	180	28	5	Toledo
31	Mack Calvin	G	6-0	165	23	1	Southern Cal
11	George Lehmann	G	6-3	180	28	4	Campbell
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
21	Sam Robinson	F	6-7	200	22		Long Beach
51	Dave Nash	C	6-11	235	24		Kansas
10	Fran O'Hanlon	G	6-1	175	22		Villanova
12	Clarence Brookins	G	6-4	190	24		Temple



Top rookie candidate is Sam Robinson, high-priced prospect from Long Beach State, new power in Far West.

All the faces are new except Thoren and Booker. Joining key newcomers are Greg Wittman, who came from Denver along with Jones for Cannon, Sidle and a No. 1 pick, and Warren Davis, obtained from Pittsburgh for Simmie Hill. O'Hanlon and Sam Robinson are the name rookies.

THE BIG IFs: Blitman's zesty enthusiasm for the what-next of it all didn't sit well with last year's players, who are now sitting elsewhere, and it remains to be seen if he can mold a new group into a contender.

THE MANAGEMENT: There's always somebody with a bankroll to keep Dennis Murphy in on the ABA action. Murphy, once the mayor of Buena Park, Calif., was the one who organized the founders' meeting of the ABA, and it would be a shame to see him become a drop-out. Fresh money, and just as important, fresh ideas, come with new owner Ned Doyle, one of the founders of Doyle, Dane and Bernbach, one of the world's largest advertising agencies. The man behind the wonderful Volkswagen and American Airlines ads has given Murphy and Coach Hal Blitman an ultimatum: do something this year or else. Floridians go state-wide this season, but it seems like an awful big state to do it in. Miami still lacks good facility and maybe enough

fans. In that case, Doyle's agency also handles Alka-Seltzer and he can get all the stuff he wants.

SUM-UP: You can't really go wrong adding something to nothing, can you? "Blitman came in with a lot of college stuff," growls an ex-Floridian. "Some of it didn't work." But Blitman is an innovative young coach who gets a lot from most of his players, he'll just have to prove he is jaded enough for all the play-for-pay boys.

The Floridian Stars

Skip Thoren Center No. 43
Illinois 27 6-10 235

5th Year
Rockford, Ill.

Injured after 29 games and had knee surgery . . . Averaged 16.7 points a game year before and was second-leading rebounder in league . . . Smoothest hook shot in league . . . Nonchalant appearance hides competitive instincts . . . Called "thinking man's center" probably because he looks intelligent . . . Is tougher than he looks, setting one of league's more impenetrable picks . . . Handles ball well for a center . . . Backed up Mel Daniels in rookie season, now does the best defensive job on him . . . Was scoring 14 points a game when hurt . . . Played one season in Italy after starring at Illinois . . .

Larry Jones Guard No. 32**Toledo 28 6-3 180****5th Year****Columbus, Ohio**

Most prolific scorer in the league's history... Holds record of scoring 30 or more points in 23 straight games in 1968-69 season... Acquired from Denver... Had falling out with Rocket coach Joe Belmont after Spencer Haywood became the shiningest light in Colorado... Only All-ABA first team pick every year... Long-range jump shooter... Doesn't go to board often... Founder and president of Players' Association... First ABA player to score more than 2,000 points

Mack Calvin Guard No. 31**Southern California 23 6-0 165****2nd Year****Los Angeles**

Became team leader in Los Angeles' meteoric rise last half of year... Scored 12 points a game as a college senior, 17 for L.A.... Third in the league in assists... Excellent fast-break middleman... Came from Stars with Washington for Freeman and a No. 2 draft choice... Pair of quickest hands in league.

Tom Washington Forward No. 14**Cheyney State 26 6-7 225****4th Year****Philadelphia**

Probably the player Blitman wanted more than any other... Told Washington wouldn't run enough for a fast-breaking team, Blitman replied: "He'll run for me."... Coach's confidence comes from having handled him in college... Capable of exceptional defensive play... Strong rebounder... One of best play-making forwards in league... Worst free-throw shooter this side of Wilt Chamberlain.

Ron Franz Forward No. 15**Kansas 24 6-7 207****3rd Year****Kansas City, Kans.**

Had contract trouble in New Orleans, probably because he wanted to be paid with money... Acquired for Al Cuetto, Erv Staggs and Wilbert Jones... Spent first half of year in service, came back to average 12 points a game... Fine shooter, good speed, fair defense... All-Rookie team with Oakland... High-school All-America in Kansas City.

George Lehmann Guard No. 11**Campbell College 28 6-3 190****5th Year****Riverside N.J.**

What's referred to as "the well-traveled pro"... also played with St. Louis and Atlanta in NBA, New York and Los Angeles of ABA... Came to Floridians in mid-season and became a starter when Larry Cannon and Erv Staggs failed to cut it... Brilliant shooter at times... Uses either hand, favors left... Averaged 17 points a game with

Miami... Was sixth in three-point field goals with 92

Warren Davis Forward No. 44**North Carolina A&T 27 6-6 212****6th Year****Philadelphia**

Tough, willing journeyman... Nicknamed Red... Came from Pittsburgh for Simmie Hill... Has arthritic knees but plays despite them... Good reserve who goes to board... Streaky scorer... Two-time All-Star... Has shot 46, 50 and 49 per cent from floor last three seasons... Averaged 16 points a game with Los Angeles, but trade to Pittsburgh unnerved him and average plummeted.

Top Rookies**Fran O'Hanlon Guard No. 10****Villanova 6-0 170**

Speed guard Blitman wanted to back up Calvin... Carried Villanova to NCAA regional final with brilliant shooting and playmaking... Hustler who takes charge... 45 per cent shooter, plays tough defense despite lack of bulk... No. 1 draft choice of Floridians

Sam Robinson Forward No. 21**Long Beach State 6-7 200**

Most heralded player in Long Beach State's history... Known as "Super Sam" after leading team to 1968 NCAA Western regionals before losing to UCLA... Averaged 19.7 as a junior, but slipped to 12.8 during injury-filled senior season... California Junior College player of year...

Clarence Brookins Guard No. 12**Temple 6-4 190**

Could be surprise of year... signed as free agent after being drafted by Pittsburgh in 1968... Tore up Piper rookie camp, but was called into service... Started three years at Temple and averaged 17.7 a game.

Television

WAJA (Channel 23) will televise 10 games, five away, with Martin doing a simulcast. All 10 games will be telecast into both the Miami and Tampa areas. The five home games will also be televised back to the opponent's city.

Radio

WGIBS will broadcast all Floridian games, home and away, Bob Martin will do the play-by-play.

Floridians Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind
1969-70	6th	23	61	36	1967-68*	2nd	50	28	4
1968-69	2nd	43	35	1	* Franchise shifted from Minnesota to Miami following season				

Individual Leaders**Scoring**

1969-70	Don Freeman	27.3
1968-69	Don Freeman	22.1
1967-68	Mel Daniels	22.1

Assists

1969-70	Don Freeman	3.7
1968-69	Don Freeman	6.4
1967-68	Don Freeman	2.7

Rebounding

1969-70	Don Sidle	12.8
1968-69	Skip Thoren	13.4
1967-68	Mel Daniels	15.6

Three-Pointers

1969-70	George Lehmann	92-286 (32%)
1968-69	Ron Perry	12-44 (27%)
1967-68	Ron Perry	62-178 (34%)

INDIANA PACERS



Pacers' Bill Keller (11), just 5-10 but one of ABA's fastest guards, darts past Kentucky's Carrier.

Team Profile

President: L. Charles DeVoe
 Executive Vice President Richard P. Tinkham
 Vice President Robert Wildman
 Treasurer J. Frederick Weise
 General Manager John Weissert
 Assistant General Manager Bill Orwig
 Coach Bob Leonard
 Publicity Director Tom Feske
 Promotion Director Henry Whitesell
 Business Manager and Trainer Bernie Lareau
 Office: 638 E. 38th St., Indianapolis, Ind. 46205
 Arena: State Fair Coliseum (9,111)

TEAM COLORS: Blue and Gold

1969-70 RECORD: Won 59, Lost 25, 1st in East,

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. West	L
9	Kentucky	2	4	Denver	2
10	Pittsburgh	1	4	Los Angeles	2
6	Carolina	4	2	Dallas	4
9	Miami	2	4	New Orleans	2
6	New York	5	5	Washington	1
40		14	19		11

1970-71 Division Alignment

ABA West
 Denver
 Indiana
 Louisiana
 Texas
 Utah

STRONG POINTS: Up front Indiana is stronger than Racquel Welch. Center Mel Daniels was the league MVP before Spencer Haywood renounced poverty, and his wingmen, Roger Brown and Bob Netolicky, were second-team all-stars.

Even the backup men are impressive. Netolicky, who coach Bob Leonard says "eats up a lot of centers in this league when he moves over," spells Daniels in the pivot.

The reserve cornermen are gangly Art Becker, who always looks in need of a transfusion, which is what he brings to the Pacer lineup, and steady journeymen Ollie Darden and Jay Miller.

Then there is Leonard, who provides strong leadership. Called Slick only because he's smooth enough to steal smoke, Leonard is a disciplinarian. When he took over the Pacers two years ago to lead them to two ABA East titles, and last year the league championship, Leonard's Law came into being.

"You got the last guy fired," Leonard said at the time. "That won't happen to me." Sure enough. "Slick knows the game, knows how to handle pros," says Pacer captain Freddie Lewis.

Indiana will also have improved overall balance this year with Rick Mount coming in at guard and highly-rated Earle Higgins bolstering the frontline.

"Last year we had a lot of different kinds of talent," Leonard says. "We put it together to win. This year we'll have a stronger bench."

If rookie guards Mount and Don Curnutt adjust to pro ball quickly, Indiana will also have excellent firepower in backcourt.

Only Leonard discounts the Pacers' power. With a straight face he says: "We'll be competitive." So was Attila the Hun.

WEAK SPOTS: If the players can find the arena on their own, Indiana's weaknesses will be figments of Leonard's imagination.

Adhering to the coaching principle that says you must not snicker at the suggestion that your team might be vulnerable, Leonard furrows his brow obediently as he searches for an Achilles' heal.

"Is Mount strong enough to stand the schedule?" he asks. "Is he quick enough? It's a question if he can come right in like Oscar Robertson."

Tough stuff, huh? Mount figures to come in like the tide, but should it take him a few months to make the transition, so what? The Pacer backcourt is like oak with Lewis, John Barnhill of the geriatric set and Tom Thacker, who hasn't bobbed for apples lately, either. But like fine wine, Barnhill and Thacker have improved, not aged.

Leonard has a minor problem area or two. He would like added bench strength, which should come when Mount

displaces old Purdue teammate Bill Keller, one of the brightest lights of the playoffs.

Higgins will add firepower up front and only the lack of a big and quick guard to defend against the league's best scoring guards looks like a chink in the Pacer armor. And if Dick Grubar's knee is sound, so much for chunks.

There are only two ways to beat Indiana. One of them is handling Daniels on the boards, roughly comparable to handling Mayor Daley in Chicago. The other is to probe at Netolicky, to whom defense is occasionally unbearable.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Initially, the Pacer guards feed the ball to Daniels on a low post and wait to see if he stuffs the opposing center into the hoop along with the ball, or merely registers an orthodox basket.

Should this strategy pall or fail, Brown is given the ball and destroys his defender. If he doesn't, Netolicky does. "That's where they kill you," says one coach. "Nobody can handle the matchups at the forwards. Both Netolicky and Brown can score 40 a game. Most teams have only one good defensive forward."

Because Daniels is the league's second best rebounder, the Pacers like to stretch their legs once in awhile. "We can run or slow it down, whatever the other team wants," says Leonard, his pessimism slipping briefly.

An added factor in the Pacer offense is that whoever first called Brown "the man with 1,000 moves" didn't miss by too many, and when Indiana is in trouble Leonard isolates Brown on one man and sits back to enjoy the carnage.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Here Indiana lapses from time to time, last year being only the third-best defensive team in the league. Leonard favors what he calls his "belly-to-belly" defense, which really is Indiana's only justification for having guards.

Indiana Pacers Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
11	Bill Keller	G	5-10	177	22	2	Purdue
12	John Barnhill	G	6-1	183	32	8	Tennessee State
14	Freddie Lewis	G	6-0	180	26	4	Arizona State
15	Dick Grubar	G	6-4	190	23	1	No. Carolina
24	Bob Netolicky	F	6-9	225	28	3	Drake
32	Jay Miller	F	6-5	210	28	4	Notre Dame
33	Ollie Darden	F	6-7	225	28	3	Michigan State
34	Mel Daniels	C	6-9	220	26	3	New Mexico
35	Roger Brown	F	6-5	208	28	3	Dayton
43	Art Becker	F	6-8	200	28	3	Arizona State
44	Tom Thacker	G	6-3	189	29	6	Cincinnati
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
10	Rick Mount	G	6-4	185	22		Purdue
—	Earle Higgins	F	6-8	200	22		Eastern Michigan
—	Greg McDivitt	F	6-9	210	22		Ohio U.
—	Don Curnutt	G	6-4	175	22		Miami (Fla.)
—	Rich Erickson	G	6-0	180	22		Washington State
—	Joe Cookie	G	6-3	182	22		Indiana
—	Mickey Foster	G	6-5	190	22		Arizona
—	Ted Hillary	G	6-5	190	22		St. Joseph's (Ind.)

Barnhill hasn't forgotten how they did it in the NBA and Thacker is a fine defensive player. And neither of them can match Lewis, a gnat-like distraction to the most proficient scoring guards in the league.

Leonard admits Netolicky is enamored of offense. "He can do a dozen things, but he doesn't have the lateral speed to play defense." Quite a handicap for old Slick, ain't he?

NEW FACES OF 1970: The New Face in pro basketball is Mount, the blond darling of the great Midwest, quicker on the trigger than Matt Dillon, more powerful than a locomotive, and all that.

But watch Don Curnutt, a rookie from Miami who may be the best pure shooter coming into the league this season. Then there is Higgins, who may not be the "poetry in motion" extolled in publicity releases, but should be a help.

THE BIG IFS: Spell that with a small i and a small f or Leonard may hurt himself laughing. The only puzzlers for Indiana concern the degree of improvement that Zelmo Beaty brings to the Utah Stars and the possibility of Ralph Simpson playing for Denver. If Beaty and Simpson are up to snuff, Leonard may have to divest the Pacers of overconfidence—or the Stars and Rockets will.

SUM-UP: It will take an injury to Daniels to keep the Pacers from finishing on top in the West. The added competition in the West should merely make their push a little more difficult.

Everybody else will have to run for cover again this year. Leonard has proven his ability to coach his veterans and the young talent is shinier than a new nickel. The whole league will be tougher, but so will Indiana.

The move to the ABA West will take an adjustment—Texas is the only team in the league to own an edge on the Pacers last year—but even the Utah Stars shouldn't be able to do more than make it interesting.

THE MANAGEMENT: Indiana's court talent didn't overshadow the work of last year's general manager Mike Storen, now gone to Kentucky to try and hammer out another dynasty.

Bright, innovative and older than his years as a judge of people, Storen was the best executive in the league, as evidenced by the won-lost record.

He has been replaced by John Weissert, but the Pacer front office remains one of the best in pro basketball, which in many instances still is just masquerading as professional.

The fourth most lucrative franchise in pro basketball last year, Indiana spends money to make it, a principle not always adhered to by some ABA clubs. It is a class operation. See the players cash their playoff checks. Spend, Floridians (Condors, Bucs etc.), spend.

The Indiana Stars

Mel Daniels Center No. 34
New Mexico 26 6-9 220

4th Year
Detroit

When challenged is as awesome as the Loch Ness monster... Averaged 17.4 rebounds a game last season to trail only Spencer (You're only second-best now, Mel) Haywood... Scoring dipped to 18.7, which was 18th in the league, as he sagged when the Pacers had an opponent hamstrung early in the game... Traded by the Minnesota Muskies—who left town shortly thereafter—he is the No. 1 center in the league until Zelmo Beaty suits up for Utah this season... 1st team all-star center three straight years... Lets down too often, but is best defensive rebounder in ABA... Favors bullying opposing pivots into the cheaper seats... History of minor injuries.

Roger Brown Forward No. 35
Dayton 28 6-5 208

4th Year
Brooklyn

Quicker than a cat hunting a midnight snack, was ninth in scoring with 23-point average until the playoffs, where he was the reason the Pacers had such an enjoyable off-season... Averaged 28.5 a game as Indiana swept Carolina, 4-0, won four straight to topple New York, 4-1, and then held off the Stars in six games for the title... "One on one he's a plague," says an ABA coach... Scored 53, 39 and 45 in last three games against L.A. ... Third in league in minutes played... Once hit 21 straight field goals... Move inside is such that he is played more loosely than any forward in the league, not with any noteworthy results... Shoulder fakes a move to baseline early in game to intimidate defender, often switching to flat jumper in second half... Handles ball well enough to be a playmaker



ART BECKER



ROGER BROWN

Bob Netolicky Forward No. 24
Drake 28 6-9 225

4th Year
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Delight of the mod fans in the ABA... Likes animals so well that his last two pets have been a young lioness and an ocelot, which he could almost outrun... Smoothest-shooting big man in league... Quick release, excellent eye produced 20.6 average... Take-charge offensive player, stand-around-and-gape defensive player as often as not... Could be best offensive center in league... sorry, Spence—could be second-best offensive center in league if it was fulltime position... Best move is juke toward baseline and cut for the foul line for a fine, floating jump shot... Looks like choirboy, but hits offensive boards like a demon... No. 2 draft pick of San Diego of the NBA.

Freddie Lewis Guard No. 14
Arizona State 26 6-0 180

5th Year
McKeesport, Pa.

Protege of Oscar Robertson during one season in NBA... Has no outstanding attribute, no weakness of any kind... Taken inside often by bigger guards, he is tireless and gives up very little... Good basic tools... one of league's better hustlers... Draws toughest defensive assignments... Perhaps Leonard's top coaching product... Averaged 16.4 points a game last year... Reliable pressure shooter who was second-leading playoff scorer.

John Barnhill Guard No. 12
Tennessee State 32 6-1 183

9th Year
Evansville, Ind.

NBA retread via St. Louis, Detroit, Baltimore and San Diego... Great speed for guy on wrong side of generation gap... Runs the break well... Led Pacers with 71 three-pointers last year... Averaged 11.4 a game... Tough, heady type who leans on the smaller guards... "He's a hard, old cat," says one of them. "Don't let his age fool you".

Tom Thacker Guard No. 44
Cincinnati 29 6-3 189

6th Year
New York

Siney swingman... Also NBA veteran... Quit teaching

school in mid-season two years ago after call from Leonard... Couldn't score big, averaging 2.7 a game last season, but not underrated by Leonard... "He can't score but he plays a lot of defense," says coach... Good rebounder for size and occasionally will guard the smaller forwards... Writes poetry... Helped Cincinnati to two national collegiate titles.

Art Becker Forward No. 43

Arizona State 28 6-8 210

4th Year

Akron, Ohio

Has rare ability to come in and get two or three quick baskets and often triggered rallies... Works hard, but defensive limitations keep him from playing regularly... Average dropped more than four points last year to 8.9... Excellent tennis player... Made first ABA all-star team while with Houston... Indiana's leading field goal percentage shooter with 52 per cent mark... Corner shooter.

Bill Keller Guard No. 11

Purdue 22 5-10 180

2nd Year

Indianapolis

One of smallest guards in pro ranks but overcame height handicap to force Barnhill out of the starting lineup late in year... Averaged 8.7 points a game after slow start... Dependable playmaker... Captained Purdue's NCAA-runnerups senior year... Only rookie to make squad last season... Hometown hero in Indianapolis... Fine lead man on break

Oliver Darden Forward No. 33

Michigan 26 6-7 225

4th Year

Detroit

Destined for stardom he's never reached... Agile boardman with fair shooting skills from handshaking range... Came back to Indiana after service with New York and Kentucky... Adds rebounding depth... Teammate of Cazzie Russell in college.

Jay Miller Forward No. 32

Notre Dame 27 6-5 205

4th Year

Goshen, Ind.

Once named Most Valuable Player in the World at an international tournament, was something less last year, playing behind Brown... Knowledgeable player, often helps Leonard on the bench... Played for Milwaukee of NBA in 1968... Averaged 3.5 points a game... Good personality is his plus and helps keep him on club.

Top Rookies

Rick Mount Guard

Purdue 22 6-4 185

Lebanon, Ind.

The golden boy of college basketball last year... Consensus all-America... Chosen in early draft and signed before NBA made its choices... Reported \$300,000 contract... Shooter par excellence... Was among top three scorers in nation his junior and senior year... Faces scrutiny by tough Indianapolis fans because of reported deficiencies... "We don't know if he can play defense," Leonard deadpans... Primarily an offensive player, spent college years in zone defense and will find it difficult making adjustment to pros' man-to-man... Also questioned is his stamina and quickness... No one questions his shooting ability... Consistent from 25 feet, which is worth three points in ABA.

Earle Higgins Forward

Eastern Michigan 22 6-8 200

Could do it all in college, expected to do most if it in pros... Fine shooting touch... used as swingman in college and may follow suit with Pacers... first draft pick of NBA's San Francisco Warriors on third round.

Don Curnutt Guard

Miami (Fla.) 21 6-4 175

Tipton, Ind.

One of leading scorers in country with just so-so Miami team... Most valuable player of Steel Bowl tournament, setting a scoring record of 46 points for Pittsburgh's Civic Arena... Great Indiana schoolboy player... Lacks muscle and may have serious defensive limitations... Could be a major surprise off shooting ability, which may match Mount's...

Television

Selected away games will be telecast by WLW-I, Channel 13.

Radio

All Indiana home and away games are broadcast on WIRE (1430 kc) with Jerry Baker doing the play-by-play

Pacers Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	1st	59	25	—	1967-68	3rd	38	40	16
1968-69	1st	44	34	—					

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	Roger Brown	23.0
1968-69	Mel Daniels	24.0
1967-68	Fred Lewis	20.6

Assists

1969-70	Roger Brown	4.6
1968-69	Roger Brown	4.6
1967-68	Roger Brown	4.3

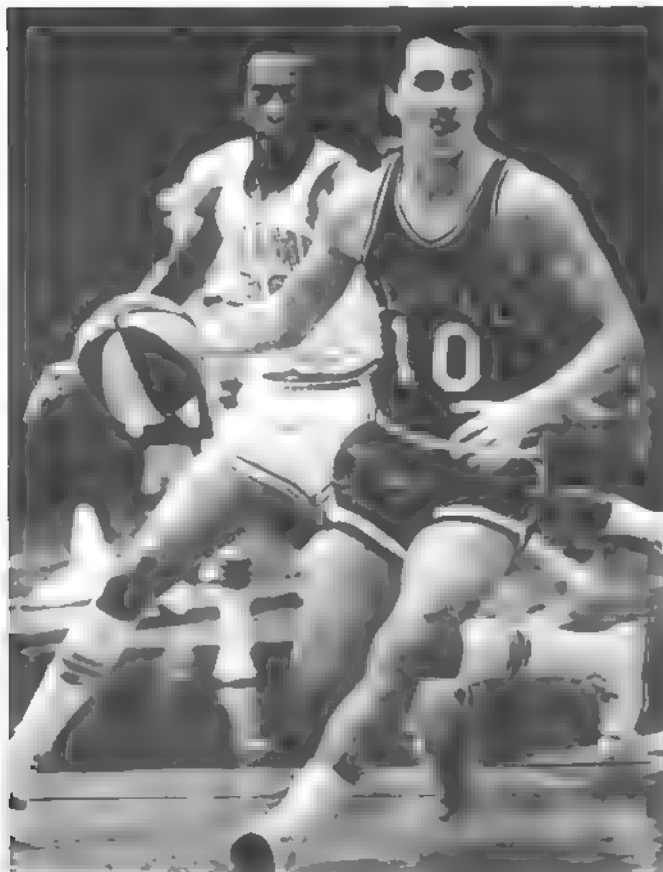
Rebounding

1969-70	Mel Daniels	17.4
1968-69	Mel Daniels	16.5
1967-68	Bob Netolicky	11.5

Three-Pointers

1969-70	John Barnhill	71-272 (28%)
1968-69	Ron Perry	67-192 (34%)
1967-68	Jim Rayl	57-175 (33%)

KENTUCKY COLONELS



Left, colorful Louie Dampier (10) dribbles with his tongue out; right, maybe even more colorful, Kentucky's—and the ABA's—great draft pick for 1970-71: Dan Issel.

Team Profile

President	Mike Storen
Business Manager	Alex Groza
Director of Publicity	David Vance
Director of Promotions	Jack Anderson
Director of Public Relations	Joe Hullett
Coach	Gene Rhodes
Trainer	Bill Antonini
Office: 525 W. Walnut St., Louisville, Ky., 40202	
Arena: Freedom Hall (16,933); Convention Center (5,733)	

TEAM COLORS: Blue and White

1969-70 RECORD: Won 45, Lost 39, 2nd in East

W	vs. East	L	W	vs. West	L
2	Indiana	9	3	Denver	3
5	Carolina	6	4	Dallas	2
7	Miami	3	5	Washington	1
7	New York	4	2	Los Angeles	4
<u>6</u>	<u>Pittsburgh</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>New Orleans</u>	<u>2</u>
27		27	18		12

1970-71 Division Alignment

ABA East
Carolina
Floridians
Kentucky
New York
Pittsburgh
Virginia

TEAM STRENGTHS: Where to begin? For openers the Colonels will be tougher than a cob in the backcourt, the major problem there deciding on who stays on the floor when the game starts. The Colonels have three guards who are capable of averaging 25 points a game.

Then there are the corners—the Colonels have more strong ones than your average pool table. No, they don't resemble a doughnut, either. All they have at center is an All-American rookie, backed up by another All-something rookie, who in turn is backed up by Goose Ligon, who would be a heckuva center if he wasn't a heckuva forward.

Trades have shored up the frontline. The Colonels drew the top rookie crop, and a front office best suited for running a drygoods store has been replaced by boy-wonder Mike Storen.

Coach Gene Rhodes has trouble keeping it all from going to his head. "I honestly feel we can produce a winner," says Rhodes, who precedes those answers he really wants to strike home with the word honestly.

Honestly, Gene Rhodes ain't just shuckin' and jivin'. He acquired centers Dan Issel and Bobby Croft in the draft, traded pivot Gene Moore to Dallas, and got back Ligon and slick Cincy Powell in the aftermath of a league rap on the knuckles for stealing Croft, a Dallas draft pick. The negotiations weren't any more complicated than a meeting between Nasser and Mrs. Golda Meir, but when the smoke settled Rhodes had Croft, Ligon and Powell, and the Chaps had Moore, a No. 2 pick next year and a gaping hole where their brains drained out.

"A few things will have to fall into place, but we'll be ready," says Rhodes magnanimously, considering other deals

brought him one of the pro game's finest guards, Warren Armstrong, and handy, hot-shooting Walt Piatkowski.

Honestly, fried chicken is now No. 2 in Kentucky.

WEAK SPOTS: If you consider an All-American a weak spot, well, all of this is just for you. Issel and Croft will replace Moore, a willing soul who could only average 32 minutes a game last year because they give fouls for knocking opponents down and in general conducting yourself without at least some restraint.

"I loved that boy (Moore), but I was between a rock and a hard place so I let him go," says Rhodes, who will comfort himself with Issel.

"There's the question, can Issel do the job?" Rhodes says. "He's a can't-miss, but I've seen can't-misses miss before."

Last year Kentucky was a four-man team, one less than those clubs which get to squirt champagne on politicians the final night of the season. The four were Ligon, Moore, and the guards, Louie (he's big in Louisville) Dampier and Darel Carrier, who give Kentucky the deadliest backcourt in the league.

Depth was a big question; now it's a minor query. Dampier doesn't have the stamina of Jack Benny and Carrier has been ill. If Armstrong tries Rhodes' patience as he has that of other coaches, and if newly-acquired Barry Orms falls flat, and if holdovers Wayne Chapman and George Tinsley don't show expected improvement, and if Piatkowski and steady Sam Smith have forgotten how to play, well, Kentucky could have a weakness on the bench.

Issel remains the only valid question mark. He showed up at a rookie camp in good enough shape to almost nip Rhodes in the wind sprints, and if this is indicative of his attitude, Kentucky will have a problem.

Oh, yeah, in that rookie camp Croft looked better than Issel.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Bolstered by Issel and additional depth, Kentucky will revamp an offense that had the frontline serving primarily as shooting shields for Dampier and Carrier.

"You have to run like blazes to one end and then turn

around and run like blazes to the other, that's the way it is in this league," Rhodes says.

With the addition of Powell and Armstrong, Kentucky will be able to run like blazes to the dressing room at halftime if Rhodes so chooses.

As long as everyone doesn't try to get 40 points a game on his own, Kentucky will have that one great love object of every coach—a truly balanced offense than can run or pattern.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Kentucky's biggest tendency is to let the men up front wear years off their life spans while Dampier and Carrier rest up or check the talent in the front rows.

"Dampier and Carrier are weak defensively," says an ABA coach. "They burn out too much at the other end."

Ligon, Powell and last year's regular cornerman, Sam Smith, enthuse on defense much in the joyful way Chicago cops counsel student pickets. But on defense Issel may be a handicap.

"We think he will do the job defensively but, of course, we'll have to wait and see," says Rhodes, aware that often a big punch at the other end outweighs defensive weaknesses.

THE NEW FACES OF 1970: Kentucky has more new faces than a police lineup in Haight-Ashbury. Storen picked Armstrong off Al Bianchi's back in Washington and Piatkowski joins proven new vets Powell and Orms, plus a host of rookies headed by Issel, his Kentucky U. teammate Mike Pratt, Croft, and Claude Virden of Murray State, held in esteem by Colonel management.

Armstrong, who is also headstrong, averaged 22 points a game in both seasons with Washington, while neither Piatkowski nor Orms has been given a long look in the past.

And Rhodes and Storen aren't finished dealing. Says Rhodes, "We may make another trade or two before it's over."

SUM UP: A colossus for Rhodes. If reserve center Jim Eakins can't cut it and ex-Army pivot Garfield Smith honors the NBA contract he signed, instead of the one he negotiated with the Caps, Kentucky won't break a sweat running away

Kentucky Colonels Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
10	Louie Dampier	G	6-0	180	25	3	Kentucky
36	Darel Carrier	G	6-3	185	30	3	Western Kentucky
22	Jim Ligon	F	6-7	215	26	3	None
52	Sam Smith	F	6-7	235	26	3	Kentucky Wesleyan
32	Wayne Chapman	G-F	6-6	190	25	2	Western Kentucky
34	George Tinsley	G-F	6-5	205	23	1	Kentucky Wesleyan
24	Bud Olsen	C	6-8	230	30	8	Louisville
	Willie Murrell	F	6-6	225	29	3	Kansas St.
	Cincy Powell	F	6-7	227	28	3	Portland
	Warren Armstrong	G	6-2	200	24	2	Wichita St.
	Walt Piatkowski	F	6-8	225	24	2	Bowling Green
	Barry Orms	G	6-3	190	24	2	St. Louis

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
44	Dan Issel	C-F	6-9	235	22	Kentucky
	Mike Pratt	G-F	6-4	195	22	Kentucky
11	Bobby Croft	C	6-10	200	22	Tennessee
	Al Williams	F	6-6	200	22	Drake
23	Claude Virden	F	6-5	190	22	Murray St.
	Howard Wright	G	6-3	185	22	Austin Peay
	Ted Rose	F	6-6	230	22	Northern Michigan

from Virginia, nee Washington, in the ABA East.

Issel may have a few rough edges early in the year, but he's a bonafide talent. Rhodes' biggest problems will be avoiding over-coaching the mass of talent and keeping the players happy enough that they don't form ruinous cliques.

THE MANAGEMENT: Last season Kentucky was managed by Rhodes with a big, disastrous assist from the previous owners, who were something less than qualified. It was a mess and Rhodes may protest too much when he denies he would have been handed his hat had the Colonels not struggled into second place and made a respectable playoff showing before Indiana destroyed them in the division finals.

"Talk to Louisville people and they'll tell you there's been a whale of a coaching job done here," burns Rhodes, usually a mild man. "The rumor I was to be fired was started by one disgruntled player talking to an irresponsible writer." But he adds, "Don't ask the former owners for a recommendation for me."

The new ownership is a group of modish young money-changers who have a big piece of Kentucky Fried Chicken and were smart enough to bring Storen in from Indiana and stick to buffing up Col. Sanders' image.

About an hour after finding the Colonel offices, Storen set about bringing in the troops who will convert Kentucky from chump to champ.

"Before we made no deals, nothing, frankly, we had front office trouble," Rhodes says. "Now we're strong here with Mike."

The Kentucky Stars

Louie Dampier Guard No. 10 3rd year
Kentucky 25 6-0 180 Kentucky

On the court, an All-America boy; off the court, well, not the boy-next-door... "He lives it up and, sometimes late in road games, he has to pay for it," says an ABA coach... Fifth in league scoring with 26-point average, second in three-point field goals, fifth in assists and free-throw accuracy... Swings big stick in front office because of popularity in Louisville... "Best shooter" in Kentucky U. history according to an authority—Adolph Rupp...

Darel Carrier Guard No. 35 3rd year
Western Kentucky 29 6-3 185 Bowling Green, Ky.

Farm boy "who comes to camp ready to play," says Rhodes... Takes three-point shot at every opportunity, leading league with 37 per cent average... Stamina questionable after stomach ailment bothered him much of year... Concentrates on offense, could be fine defender... Joins Dampier to form most-productive backcourt in league.



DAREL CARRIER



WARREN ARMSTRONG



Walt Piatkowski joins a strong Colonel bench.

Jim Ligon Forward No. 22 3rd year
No College 26 6-7 215 Louisville, Ky.

One of few players not to have played college ball... Ranked one of worst players in league to either fight or guard... "There isn't a better forward around," says Rhodes... Nicknamed "Goose" for variety of reasons... Likes to mix it up inside, where he owns some of best moves and quickest elbows... Seventh in rebounding and field goal accuracy...

Cincy Powell Forward No. — 4th year
Portland 28 6-7 227 Dallas

First name: Cincinnatus... Easier to defend against than to coach... One reason why Cliff Hagan no longer coaches Dallas... Traded by Chaps to Kentucky during off-season for Gene Moore... Hardnose, played part of season with badly-damaged jaw... 16th in league with 20-point average... Owns good moves, favors deep corner shot.

Warren Armstrong Guard No. — 3rd year
Wichita State 23 6-2 200 Kansas City, Kan.

League's bad-boy... Suspended in 1968-69 for knocking down Jim Jarvis and then kicking him in the head... Said "I don't know what made me do it"... Super-talent, rumored impossible to coach... Says an ABA coach: "Wait'll Armstrong goes to work on Rhodes, he could ruin that team"... Says Rhodes: "Phooey"... Rookie of year... Phenomenal ball-control, often switches hands in air on layup... Stuffed ball over 6-8's consistently... Traded for No. 1 draft pick because of open warfare with Washington coach Al Bianchi.

Wayne Chapman Guard No. 32 3rd year
Western Kentucky 23 6-6 190 Louisville, Ky.

No. 2 draft choice as a rookie... Leg surgery ruined first season... After slow start improved rapidly and was a help in playoffs, where he averaged 10 points a game... Could develop into solid guard... Good shooter, all-round natural ability... Only fair passer and lacks hard-nosed approach to risking physical damage... Make-or-break pro year...

Top Rookies

Dan Issel Center No. 44
Kentucky 6-9 210

All-time leading scorer in UK history...Excellent shooting ability inside and out... Consensus All-America... Rated second best center in nation (Bob Lanier was No. 1)... Averaged 33.9 points and 12.9 rebounds last season... "He has great moves to the basket and the shooting, but he's questionable on the boards and defensively," says Rhodes, starring a gift horse in the mouth... Came to rookie camp in lousy shape... "Learned some humility," says Rhodes... Colonels' No. 1 pick...

Bobby Croft Center No. 11
Tennessee 6-10 200

Considered to have great potential, little polish... Particularly fine shooter for center, averaging 53 per cent... Reportedly may lack stamina for pro game... Averaged 13.4 points and 7.1 rebounds, not overly impressive for a 6-10 prospect... "Has all the tools for greatness," says college coach Ray Mears. "Sure touch, graceful moves, excellent one-on-one player".

Mike Pratt Forward-Guard
Kentucky 6-4 195

Forward at UK, will be converted to guard, at least temporarily... Rugged and aggressive, often played when hurt... May become pro swingman... Scored well in college, averaging 19.3 a game... Strong, but has little speed... Listed at 6-4, barely 6-3... Another who will find adjustment to guard difficult... Also in poor shape at rookie camp...

Claude Virden Forward No. 23
Murray State 6-5 180

Could be the Colonel rookie who produces the most the quickest... Rated extremely fast and quick... One of better shooters in country, averaging 21 points a game in controlled offense... Good rebounder

Radio

All Colonel games, including playoffs and exhibition games, will be broadcast by WHAS, a clear-channel station that has reached as many as 46 states.

Television

A minimum of 15 regular-season games will be seen on WLKY (channel 32).



BUD OLSEN



WILLIE MURRELL

Colonels Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind
1969-70	2nd	45	39	14
1968-69	3rd	42	36	2
1967-68	4th	36	42	18

Individual Leaders Scoring

1969-70	Louie Dampier	25.9
1968-69	Louie Dampier	24.8
1967-68	Darel Carrier	22.9

Rebounding

1969-70	Jim Ligon	13.0
1968-69	Jim Ligon	10.9
1967-68	Jim Ligon	11.9

Assists

1969-70	Louie Dampier	5.4
1968-69	Louie Dampier	5.8
1967-68	Louie Dampier	3.3

Three-Pointers

1969-70	Darel Carrier	105-280 (37%)
1968-69	Darel Carrier	125-330 (38%)
1967-68	Darel Carrier	84-235 (36%)



MIKE PRATT



TED ROSE

LOUISIANA BUCCANEERS



A healthy Jimmy Jones (with ball) could lift Bucs into contention again and help fill some of those empty seats.

Team Profile

President Charles G. Smither
 Operations Manager Maurice M. Stern
 Coach Babe McCarthy
 Assistant General Manager and
 Public Relations Director Bob Fulton
 Promotions Manager Jimmy Young
 Trainer Bill Kaleher
 Office: 308 ODECO Bldg., 1600 Canal St., New Orleans, La.
 70112

Arena: Tulane U. Gym (4,568), Municipal Auditorium (7,895)

TEAM COLORS: Navy Blue, White and Scarlet

1969-70 RECORD: Won 42, Lost 42, 5th in Western Division

1970-71 Division Alignment*

ABA West
 Dallas
 Denver
 Indiana
 Louisiana
 Texas
 Utah

STRONG POINTS: Buc Coach Babe McCarthy is a good, old riverbottom country boy, and when he talks about the Jones boys you can see the honey dripping from the adjectives.

"I wouldn't trade my four guards for any other group in pro basketball," he drawls. "Jimmy Jones is as good a guard as there is in the league."

A Southern dandy, McCarthy leans hard on conversation about his backcourt, because if what's up front really does count, he has big trouble.

Jimmy Jones, No. 3 scorer in the league until a knee injury in December sidelined him for three weeks and limited his maneuverability the rest of the way, is a fixture. But Steve Jones is tradebait. McCarthy has talked to several clubs about dealing him for a starting forward.

With the biggest backcourt in the league—Jimmy is 6-4,

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
7	Denver	5	2	Indiana	4
6	Washington	6	2	Kentucky	4
6	Dallas	6	3	Carolina	3
3	Los Angeles	9	4	New York	2
22		26	4	Pittsburgh	2
			5	Miami	1
			20		16

Steve is a rangy 6-5 Louisiana is comfortable with the ABA's guard-oriented style of play.

Backing up the Jones boys will be Harley Swift, a granite-like 220-pounder who bulls through picks with abandon, and his antithesis, skinny Mike Butler, a wispy dribbler who can destroy a press.

The Bucs' image is one of a tireless beaver eating its way through the petrified forest and is personified by pencil-thin center Red Robbins and unspectacular forward Gerald Govan, a scrawny 6-10 boardman who emerges through the tangle of bodies under the hoop often enough to rank just behind Robbins as the league's fourth best rebounder. Robbins and Govan are also the keys to the Bucs' hard-working defense, second best in the league last year.

WEAK SPOTS: There is an old gag in the ABA favored by coaches who don't play home games in Indianapolis: "Give me another big, strong forward and we'd play anyone."

One of its originators is McCarthy. "And I'm not saying it tongue-in-cheek, either," says McCarthy . . . tongue-in-cheek. Louisiana, which also badly lacks depth, has a hole in its starting lineup roughly the size of a big, strong forward. Such a wound, if not healed by a trade, will probably be fatal this year, as it was last season when the Bucs—then the New Orleans Bucs—had to struggle to finish fifth in their division.

Lacking a big forward puts a tremendous burden on the Buc guards and backcourt injuries ruined the club last year. "We were six games ahead in the West when Jimmy Jones got hurt last year," says McCarthy, a frown wrinkling his forehead. "We need a take-charge guy up front who can score, rebound and intimidate."

McCarthy held a rookie camp solely to search for a regular forward, but failed to find one and will have to try first-year man Wendell Ladner.

"We feel he's a potential ABA forward," says McCarthy, "and hopefully either Al Cueto or Wilbert Jones will come through." Trading quality for quantity, McCarthy shipped Rod Franz and his contractual headaches to Miami (now the Floridians) for Cueto, Jones and guard Erv Staggs, none of whom figure to do more than weigh down the bench.

Despite McCarthy's magnolia-scented optimism, the Bucs

won't be much deeper than a puddle, lacking a proven center behind workhorse Robbins and, of course, lacking that big, strong forward with which even the East Memphis Chickasaws would be tough to beat.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: If Steve Jones goes for a forward who can run, New Orleans will scrap its slow, mistake-hunting pattern offense for an all-out running game that can take full advantage of the board work of Robbins and Govan.

"We plan to adopt a free-wheeling game if we get the forward," McCarthy says. "We might try a running game similar to Texas."

If the forward isn't forthcoming, the weight of shoring up the Buc offense will rest on the Jones gang. Jimmy averaged 25 points a game primarily on jumpers from close range, making a pickpocket's move inside and then pulling up short for a nearly unstoppable shot.

McCarthy sends Steve, one of the league's brawnier guards, to the hoop and licks his chops at the carnage which follows.

When the guards miss, Robbins and Govan combine for 28 points a game on controlling their mistakes. On the offensive board, Robbins is a bony whipping boy who stands his ground for tap-ins, while Govan likes to glide in, snatch and throw in the hook.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Mostly Louisiana plays defense with the enthusiasm and methods of a lumberjack among the redwood. "We concentrate on hard-nosed defense," is McCarthy's way of putting it.

Without the ball the Bucs use their elbows almost as often as their hands, slowing down the tempo against the quicker clubs and pressuring the ballhandler.

They win low-scoring games and so, as McCarthy succinctly puts it, try "to hold the score down." Steve Jones' strength hurts teams who get most of the punch from the outside, and Steve combines with agile muscleman Swift to give McCarthy a pair of excellent defenders in the backcourt.

The hole at forward will hurt more on defense, where the 6-5 Ladner, despite his reputed ruggedness and 230 pounds, will be a target.

Louisiana Buccaneers Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
22	Al Cueto	F	6-8	230	24	2	Tulsa
11	Wilbert Jones	F	6-8	205	22	2	Albany State
25	Gerald Govan	F	6-10	220	28	5	St. Mary's (Kan.)
14	Tom Bowens	F	6-8	220	30	4	Grambling
21	Red Robbins	C	6-8	200	26	5	Tennessee
34	Lee Davis	C	6-8	240	25	3	No. Carolina College
15	Jimmy Jones	G	6-4	190	25	4	Grambling
23	Steve Jones	G	6-5	205	28	4	Oregon
24	Harley Swift	G	6-3	210	24	2	E. Tennessee State
10	Mike Butler	G	6-2	170	24	3	Memphis State
13	Erv Staggs	G	6-6	195	22	2	Cheyney State
—	Ron Perry	G	6-3	190	27	4	Virginia Tech

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
33	Wendell Ladner	F	6-5	230	23	Southern Miss.
—	Ron Coleman	G	6-3	210	22	Mississippi
—	Coby Dietrich	C	6-10	240	22	San Jose St.
—	Bob Mabry	F	6-5	220	22	Rio Grande

NEW FACES OF 1970: Ladner is the only one who will count. "He's one of the strongest and quickest forwards you'll see," McCarthy says. "He's my kind of player." Whether Cueto, Wilbert Jones or Staggs are McCarthy's kind of players remains to be seen. Obviously they weren't Floridian coach Hal Blitman's kind of players.

Center Lee Davis is a semi-new face, having returned from Army to battle 6-10 rookie Coby Dietrich of San Jose State for the reserve job.

THE MANAGEMENT: The two primary administrators are solid, Mardi Gras-loving businessmen who would like to keep the Bucs in Louisiana but haven't been successful enough at getting people to come watch the games. The president, Charles G. Smither, is tired of answering questions about the club moving to Memphis, reportedly a possibility, but is so busy that McCarthy has free rein over the basketball end of the operation. Little direction comes down from the top.

Watching the purse strings with a jaundiced eye is Maurice Stern. His daughter hasn't been a Mardi Gras queen, as has Smither's, but he has had a Harvard degree since he was 19. Basketball isn't exactly in his blood. McCarthy and public relations man Bob Fulton seem to be the only front office people who are sure that the ball is blown up rather than stuffed, perhaps one reason why the franchise isn't more stable. Stable, ha. Make the bet small enough and we'll say Bucs will be in Memphis when the season starts.

The Louisiana Stars

Jimmy Jones Guard No. 15 4th Year
Grambling 25 6-4 190 Tallulah, La.
One of finest scoring guards, second leading scorer in ABA history and one of only two men with more than 2,000 points in a single season (Larry Jones was the other one) ... First player drafted and signed by Bucs ... Three-year ABA All-Star ... Recuperating from knee surgery ... Better than a 50 per cent shooter from the field career-wise.

Austin (Red) Robbins Center No. 21 5th year
Tennessee 26 6-8 200 Leesburg, Fla.
Roughly the thickness and tensile strength of a bamboo shoot, he is one of league's most underrated players. Finished 5th, 2nd and 3rd in rebounding last three seasons ... Consistently averages 16 points a game, but value lies in rebounding talents, highlighted by tenacity at holding good position ... Ignores injuries ... Second to Indiana's Mel Daniels in career rebounds.

Steve Jones Guard No. 23 4th Year
Oregon 28 6-5 205 Portland, Ore.
Has strength to play front line, but shooting skills to average 21.5 mainly as a guard ... Ready to play every game, "He never complains, always does his job," says McCarthy. Best big guard in the league ... One of top three-point shooters ... Draws opponent's best defensive guard because of all-round offensive capabilities ... Likes to drive baseline, where he protects the ball well ... Con man at psyching defender with head fake to basket that disguises arc-less and accurate jump shot that he hits consistently from 20 feet.

Gerald Govan Forward No. 25 5th Year
St. Mary's (Kans.) 28 6-10 220 Jersey City, N.J.
Continuing improvement bewilders McCarthy: "No one in league would've believed he'd make a starter, including me" ... Tenacious defender, shot blocker, draws toughest assignments ... Started every game and was second in league in playing time to Spencer Haywood ... Fourth in league rebounding ... Surprisingly, was also 10th in assists ... Led NAIA in rebounding as junior.

Wilbert Jones Forward No. 11 2nd Year
Albany (Ga.) State 22 6-8 205 McGhee, Ark.
Great potential ... Could develop into scorer because of slick moves inside and great spring ... reserve for Floridians as rookie ... NAIA All-America, leading small college rebounder ... Lacks strength to handle big forwards.

Mike Butler Guard No. 10 3rd Year
Memphis State 24 6-2 170
Best ballhandler on club, good against press ... ninth in league in three-pointer accuracy with 29% ... rock singer-guitarist ... set Memphis State career scoring record ... real streak-shooter.

Harley Swift Guard No. 24 2nd Year
East Tennessee State 24 6-4 205 Alexandria, Va.
Called Skeeter because, as his college publicity brochure noted, "he ain't nothin' but Swift." ... Cocky and brash, exciting do-or-die type who prides himself on guttiness ... reckless play got him knee injury in mid-December, sidelining him 18 games ... All-Ohio Valley Conference senior season.

Al Cueto Forward No. 22 2nd Year
Tulsa 24 6-8 230 Miami, Fla.
A native Cuban who'll miss personal rooting section in Miami where he played high school ball ... moved to Florida after Castro takeover in Cuba ... jaycee All-America twice ... helped Tulsa reach NIT senior year.

Erv Staggs Guard-Forward No. 13 2nd Year
Cheyney, (Pa.) State 23 6-6 195 Philadelphia
Went to Floridians with college coach Hal Blitman at midyear ... came to Bucs in off-season trade ... swingman at best going to boards ... Blitman was high on him.

Ron Perry Guard No. _____ 4th Year
Virginia Tech 27 6-3 190 Garrisonville, Va.
Ulysses of ABA, having played with six teams in three years ... popular with female fans ... good fast-break guard who hasn't played regularly since rookie year with Minnesota Muskies when he averaged 12.8 points.

Lee Davis Center No. 34 3rd Year
N.C. College 25 6-8 230 Raleigh, N.C.
Reserve pivot missed most of last season for military service stint ... strong with good shooting touch with jumper.

Tom Bowens Forward No. 14 4th year
Grambling 30 6-8 222 Okolona, Miss.
Exceptionally fast and good jumper ... backs up front line ... previous reserve stints with Denver and New York.

Top Rookies

Wendell Ladner Guard No. 33
Southern Miss. 22 6-5 220 Nacaise Crossing, Miss.
Bucs' second draft pick and only first-year man of real consequence ... strong with alleged super-reactions ... "He's going to be a good one," promises McCarthy ... signed prior to NBA draft, he had been among NBA's top 20 prospects ... rugged rebounder and fourth on all-time scoring list at Southern Miss.

Radio

All but a few home games broadcast by WDSU with Lynn Cole doing play-by-play for fourth year.

Television

Negotiations were underway to televise some away games.



Pencil-thin Red Robbins lets a short floater go.



Brawny Steve Jones (23): first-string but tradebart.

Buccaneers Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind
1969-70	5th	42	42	9	1967-68	1st	48	30	—
1968-69	2nd	46	32	14					

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	Steve Jones	.21.5	1969-70	James Jones	.4.9
1968-69	James Jones	.26.6	1968-69	James Jones	.5.7
1967-68	Doug Moe	.24.2	1967-68	Larry Brown	.6.5

Rebounding

1969-70	Red Robbins	.16.2
1968-69	Red Robbins	.13.5
1967-68	Red Robbins	.12.2

Three-Pointers

1969-70	Mike Butler	87-300 (29%)
1968-69	Steve Jones	52-151 (34%)
1967-68	Leland Mitchell	21-76 (28%)

NEW YORK NETS



Bill Melchionni, ex-NBA pro, now stars for the Nets. On this jumper, Ed Johnson (20) awaits rebound.

Team Profile

President Roy Boe
 Vice President, General Manager,
 Head Coach Lou Carnesecca
 Vice President-Sales & Promotions Mike Manzer
 Vice President-Finance Jim Quinn
 Vice President-Operations Charles Theokas
 Assistant General Manager Barry Murtha
 Assistant Coach John Kresse
 Public Relations Director Barney Kremenko
 Team Physician Dr. Alan Levy
 Trainer Fritz Massman
 Office 159 North Franklin St., Hempstead, N.Y. 11550
 Arena: Island Garden (8500)

TEAM COLORS: Red, White and Blue

1969-70 RECORD: Won 39, Lost 45, 4th in East

W	vs. East	L	W	vs. West	L
5	Indiana	6	3	Denver	3
4	Kentucky	7	2	Dallas	4
4	Carolina	7	2	Washington	4
7	Pittsburgh	3	2	Los Angeles	4
8	Miami	3	2	New Orleans	4
28		26	11		19

1970-71 Division Alignment

ABA East
 Carolina
 Kentucky
 Floridians
 New York
 Pittsburgh
 Virginia

STRONG POINTS: Nets made big move in won-loss columns last year after near-complete overhaul of personnel. Basically, same ballclub is back, confident it can make further progress. Rookies Jim Ard of Cincinnati and Jim Hayes of Boston U. should add something to the team.

Club's strong point is that it recognizes its weaknesses and players are willing to work harder, hustle and operate as a team. Attitudes can pay quick dividends. The Nets want to win.

The Nets won only 17 of 78 games two years ago and were one of the league jokes, but everyone feared them last time around. They were capable of knocking off anyone, as evidenced by the fact that they gave the Indiana Pacers, by far the best team in the ABA, a tougher time than anyone else, winning five of 11 meetings.

They learned to play together last year and should be even more familiar with each other now. New coach Lou Carnesecca wants scrappers and hustlers and his takeover is bound to boost ballclub, too. He has an infectious enthusiasm for the game that should spark Nets.

Nets have one of best backcourt tandems in Lavern Tart and Bill Melchionni, who keep this ballclub moving. There's good depth at forward position with Les Hunter, Sonny Dove, Luther Green and Walt Simon. Ed Johnson returns at center and club will get longer look at late-arrival John Smith, a seven-footer they picked up after trials with Dallas and Pittsburgh. Bench will be better.

WEAK SPOTS: Nets still need a top-rate center, the strength of any pro team. Lord knows they looked at enough young giants last season, but couldn't come up with anyone both tall and talented.

Ended up with Ed Johnson, who's only 6-9, but was willing to mix elbows with anybody and had a knack for getting the ball. He's not the answer, however. Rod McIntyre, a 6-10 rookie from Jacksonville University, is one of this year's hopes, as well as John Smith, a seven-footer who was No. 1 draft choice of Chaparrals in 1968. On an inspired evening he once grabbed 28 rebounds for the Chaps, but was never consistent.

Nets lack that one guy who can dominate a game. Team speed is something Carnesecca would like to see gain a half-step. To Lou, rebounding and defense is the name of the game, and he wasn't satisfied with either category last year when he sat in the stands and watched the Nets in action. (He was still coaching at St. John's University at the time.)

Carnesecca says stuff like: "We gave up too many cheap baskets." Then explains: "I have to be the worst critic of my team."

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Lavern Tart picks off a pass at midcourt and breaks for the basket. Looming a half-foot taller on the same course for the basket is Wayne Hightower, his arms spread wide. Hightower, one of the best defensive players in the pros, moves for Tart and then there's Bill

Melchionni overtaking the play. Tart lays the ball in the air beyond Hightower's wingspan and Melchionni takes it in for a basket.

That's why it was a joy to watch the Nets in action last year. They looked for each other and were willing to give up the ball and work for the easy shot.

The Nets have a pair of guards who can work together. They have experienced front line personnel that will crash the boards to get the ball, and everybody gets into the act.

"There's not one guy who can go out and make us a winner," says Coach Carnesecca. "We try to go with five."

Tart was usually at the end of the pattern play last season, because he's very good at going to the basket. He's deadly from the baseline with low trajectory jumpers, or he can hurt you inside with body-twisting bank shots and scoop shots coming across the key. He's the scoring guard.

Carnesecca calls Melchionni "the distributor, who keeps everybody happy." He's not that good of an outside shooter but can hit from short range.

The team has neither the big man to get them the ball or particularly good speed, save for Tart and Sonny Dove, so it doesn't fast-break much.

The Nets play "pass-and-go-away" quite a bit. The man who passes the ball moves in the opposite direction and screens for somebody else to cut around.

"We just want to get a man open," explains Carnesecca. "A pattern is just a skeleton to hang your hat on. When you have the ball you're always going one-on-one in the end anyhow."

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The Nets play a straight pro-type defense, which sometimes resembles a zone. Carnesecca wants his players to look for each other more on defense, as they do on offense, and help out, picking up the loose man behind a pick, for instance.

Nets had bad habit of not getting back downcourt quick enough, and gave up too many cheap baskets. Walt Simon was only holdover from club of two years ago and Nets still need to get to know each other better.

New York Nets Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
12	Bob Arnzen	F	6-5	205	22	1	Notre Dame
11	Sonny Dove	F	6-8	215	24	3	St. John's
21	Billy Evans	G	6-0	170	23	1	Boston College
14	Luther Green	F	6-7	190	23	1	Long Island
40	Les Hunter	F	6-7	235	28	6	Loyola (Ill.)
20	Ed Johnson	C	6-9	205	26	2	Tennessee A&I
25	Bill Melchionni	G	6-2	170	26	3	Villanova
4	Walt Simon	F	6-6	200	29	8	Benedict
10	John Smith	C	7-0	235	26	2	Southern Colorado
23	Lavern Tart	G	6-3	195	28	6	Bradley

NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	COLLEGE
—	Jim Ard	F	6-9	215	21	Cincinnati
—	Jim Hayes	G	6-3	200	22	Boston U.
—	Billy Jones	G	6-4	190	25	Fairfield
—	Rod McIntyre	C	6-10	220	21	Jacksonville
—	Carlton Poole	G	6-5	189	21	Philadelphia Textile
—	Ollie Taylor	G	6-2	194	24	Houston

Nets ran first-class summertime promotion, coordinated by promotions director Mike Manzer, in which Carnesecca and several stars went everywhere on Long Island to promote the Nets and the ABA.

"The fans just have to be patient with us," says Carnesecca, "like they were with the Mets and Jets."

NEW FACES OF 1970: One of them is handsome Jim Ard, a 6-8 forward from the University of Cincinnati, who was No. 1 draft choice of NBA's Seattle entry, but came to Nets because he thought his future opportunities would be more plentiful. He's being counted on to get the ball for Nets, as his forte is rebounding. Jim Hayes, a 6-3 guard from Boston U., is new backcourtman with promise. Rod McIntyre, 6-10, is considered sleeper from Jacksonville, team that surprised everyone in college ranks last season. Guards Ollie Taylor of Houston and Carlton Poole of Philadelphia Textile have chances of cracking roster. John Smith is something of a newcomer as he joined Nets late in season.

THE BIG IFs: Rookie Jim Ard is the biggest if only because he's the unknown quantity in this club. His rep for rebounding is a good one, but he's somewhat suspect as a scorer. Played center in college last season and must adjust to playing on front line where he needs work. Pivot is still question mark as Nets will certainly try to find a new man here. If Sonny Dove would find skills he had at St. John's, and flashed late last season, he could add firepower to inside attack.

THE MANAGEMENT: Nets have a lot of assets here, and good depth. Owner Roy Boe, who made his money in the dress business, is a forceful, ambitious man who is now interested in sports promotion fulltime and not as a sideline, hobby or publicity gimmick. He also has the ear and advice

of his good friend Ned Irish, boss of the Knicks.

The Nets have made great progress since Boe bought it from Arthur Brown, the original owner, who treated team as afterthought.

Nets failed to sign needed names and talents like Bob Lanier of St. Bonaventure and Jim McMillan of Columbia, but they tried. The team has a major-league coach in Lou Carnesecca, a zesty little guy who knows his basketball, and will add to the Nets' appeal with his feverish bench behavior.

Carnesecca has always been connected with basketball at its best in New York City and helps team's image. So does Barney Kremenko, veteran New York sportswriter who knows all the right people to project the Nets into the right places and papers.

SUM UP. Nets should've signed at least one more first-rate college prospect, preferably two and because they didn't they'll have trouble making gains. Counting on too many old hands. Franchise should start grabbing hold on the Island, however, thanks to hard work and proper promotion, and enthusiasm is going to carry this team beyond its ability.

The New York Stars

Levern Tart Guard No. 23

Bradley 28-6-3 195

7th Year

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Fans' favorite... offense is geared to take advantage of his speed and fantastic offensive repertoire... two weeks after Roy Boe bought the Nets he bought Tart sight unseen from Denver Rockets, who didn't use him much and wanted to unload him... he came cheap and has paid rich dividends... played in the Eastern League until ABA was born... MVP in 1964 NIT when Bradley won title... averaged 24.1 points as Nets' top scorer last season.



The fist-waver in mufti is Coach Lou Carnesecca, who inspired St. John's in '69 and now leads Nets.

team's representative in mid-season all-star game in Indianapolis.

Les Hunter Forward No. 40
Loyola (Chicago) 28 6-7 235

7th Year
Memphis, Tenn.

Called Big Game Hunter... he's been solid ABA performer since league began... helped Nets land in playoffs for first time, averaging 16.4 points and 8.5 rebounds... came to Nets from Floridians year ago... center on Loyola team that upset Cincinnati for 1963 NCAA title... a journeyman professional, he's been around the block... this will be seventh season as pro including one he played with Benton Harbor in North American League and one he watched with Baltimore of NBA.

Sonny Dove Forward No. 11
St. John's 24 6-8 215

4th Year
Brooklyn

Played for Coach Carnesecca when he was All-America at St. John's... came to Nets after two years in NBA with Detroit Pistons, where he never fit in... Sonny averaged 14.4 points and seven rebounds a game and should improve on both marks... His old coach is counting on him.

Bill Melchionni Guard No. 25
Villanova 26 6-2 170

4th Year
Malvern, Pa.

Makes his living as feeder on this club... played two years with Philadelphia 76ers but refused to report to Phoenix when they took him in expansion draft... sat out season before joining Nets... he and Tart keep Nets under control and he has put discipline in attack... was ABA runner-up in assists with 5.7 average and among top ten in free throw accuracy (82%)... averaged 15.2 points a game in regular season and 20.7 in seven playoff games... NIT MVP in 1966.

Ed Johnson Center-Forward No. 20
Tennessee A&I 26 6-9 205

3rd Year
Detroit

Hasn't been luckiest fellow in league... suffered broken elbow as rookie two years ago with Stars, forcing him to miss 20 games... broke his thumb last year in pre-season camp, and in closing weeks of season he suffered severe knee injury... despite this he did a heckuva job for Nets, averaging 14 points and led team in rebounding with nearly 12 a game... may move to forward if Nets can come up with bigger and better center.

Billy Evans Guard No. 21
Boston College 23 6-0 170

2nd Year
New Haven, Conn.

Learned game in college under Bob Cousy... his play reflects it... good playmaker and ballhawk... he's ready reserve

John Smith Center No. 10
Southern Colorado 26 7-0 235

3rd Year
Muskegon, Mich.

Joined Nets in closing weeks... No. 1 draft pick of Chaparrals in 1968... needs inspiration, potential is there... averaged about eight rebounds a game two years ago... drag-racing is his hobby.

Luther Green Forward No. 14
Long Island 23 6-7 190

2nd Year
New York

Local boy hoping to make it big... gives Nets big edge in rebounding when he comes off the bench... a super leaper led LIU in rebounding all three of his varsity seasons and in scoring twice... was good for about five points and rebounds in relief

Walt Simon Forward No. 4
Benedict 29 6-6 200

8th Year
Mount Vernon, N.Y.

Original Net who goes back to the Jersey days... averaged 14.3 points a game last season and is considered reliable relief man... averaged 21.1 points in 68-69 season... can swing to backcourt.

Top Rookies

Jim Ard Forward
Cincinnati 21 6-9 215

Harvey, Ill.

No. 1 pick of NBA's Seattle Supersonics... averaged 16.5 points over three-year career in college, finishing 5th among school's all-time scorers which included likes of friend Oscar Robertson and Jack Twyman... led Bearcats in scoring (19.2 avg.) and rebounds (15.2) last season... was Missouri Valley Conference player-of-the-year... moving from center to forward... would like to become sports commentator.

Jim Hayes Guard
Boston U. 22 6-3 200

Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Started career in neighboring town to West Hempstead where Nets play... good moves and non-stop driver when he sees the light...

Nets Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	4	39	45	20	1967-68	4	36	42	13
1968-69	5	17	61	27					

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	.....Levern Tart	.....24.2
1968-69	.....Willie Somerset	.....23.8
1967-68	.....Levern Tart	.....23.5

Assists

1969-70	.....Billy Melchionni	.....5.7
1968-69	.....Steve Chubin	.....4.6
1967-68	.....Levern Tart	.....3.4

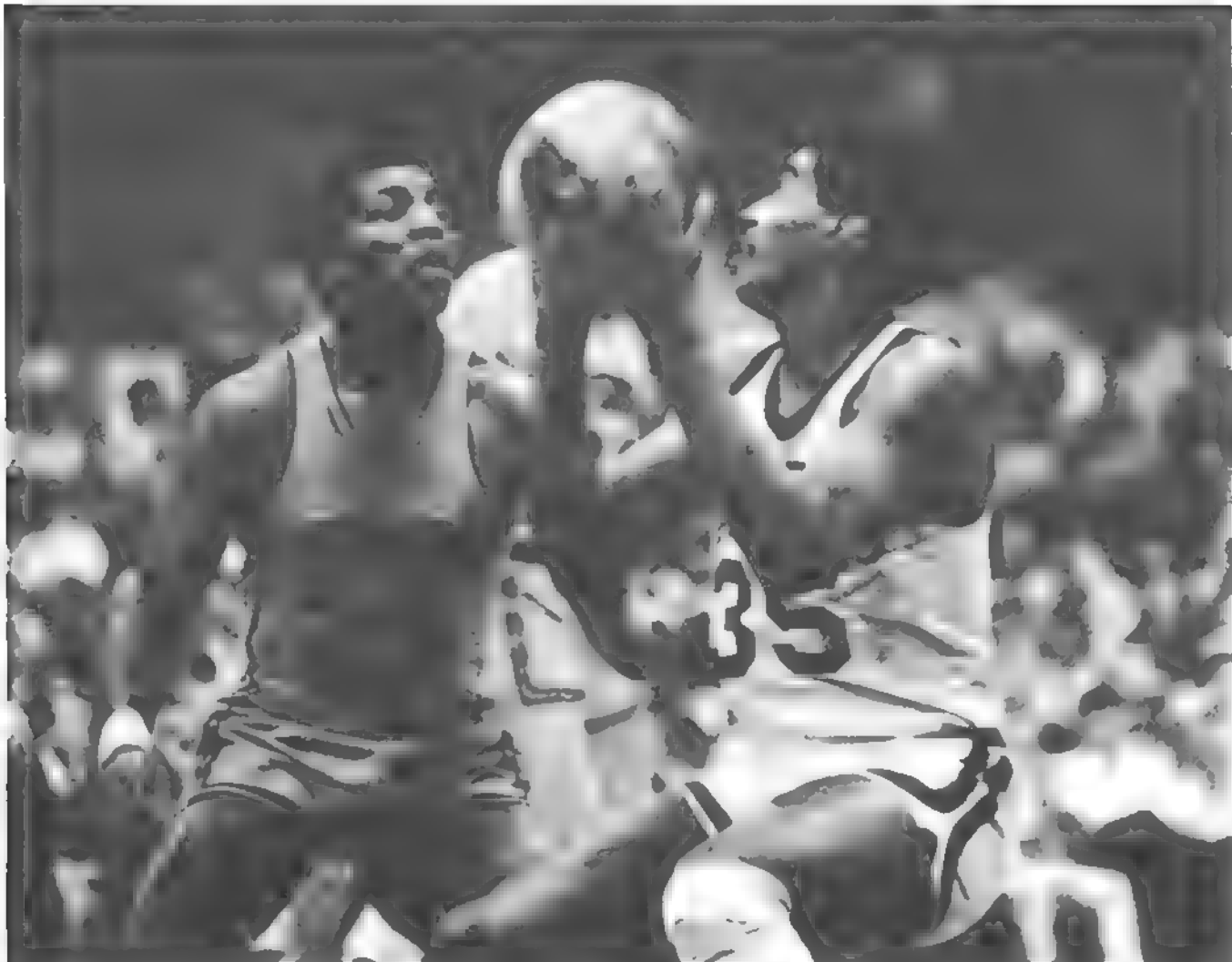
Rebounding

1969-70	.....Ed Johnson	.....11.9
1968-69	.....Walt Simon	.....8.1
1967-68	.....Dan Anderson	.....10.9

Field Goal Percentage

1969-70	.....George Lehmann	.....41-126 (32%)
1968-69	.....Willie Somerset	.....36-139 (26%)
1967-68	.....Tony Jackson	.....91-302 (30%)

PITTSBURGH CONDORS



Pittsburgh came up with a real find in John Brisker (23), a rookie from Toledo, who tries to stop Roger Brown here.

Team Profile

President and General Manager Marty Blake
 Vice President and Treasurer Nathan Bulger
 Trustee Donald J. Bezahler
 Executive Vice President Dick Groat
 Coach Jack McMahon
 Business Manager Buddy Jeannette
 Public Relations Director Fred Cranwell
 Trainer Ray Melchorre
 Office: Suite 193, Carlton House, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15219
 Arena Civic Arena (11,839)

TEAM COLORS: Red and Gold

1969-70 RECORD: Won 29, Lost 55, 5th in East

W	vs East	L	W	vs West	L
1	Indiana	10	2	Denver	4
5	Kentucky	6	2	Dallas	4
5	Carolina	6	1	Washington	5
3	New York	7	1	Los Angeles	5
7	Miami	4	2	New Orleans	4
21		33	8		22

1970-71 Division Alignment

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 Virginia

STRONG POINTS: Rather an overwhelming category considering the team has had three nicknames in as many months and new coach Jack McMahon expects "at least an 80 per cent turnover" in players from last year's struggling corp

If McMahon is to salvage anything from the ruinous remains, it will come in the backcourt, where Charlie Williams is an established scorer of note and Johnny Brisker gives evidence he could become a super-star once he learns the game is played at both ends of the court.

If the Condors emulate their namesake, a vulturous bird, the guards will have to pick opponents' bones clean. Behind Brisker and Williams, who missed the last half of the year

with a broken leg, are George Thompson, a may-be, and Arvesta Kelly, who does everything fairly well, nothing exceptionally well.

Additional strength will depend on Mike Lewis and Marty Blake. Lewis played a remarkable center at 6-8, ignoring injuries and averaging more than 45 minutes a game until hampered by a bad leg late in the year.

The Condors will be strong wherever he plays, but if Blake—who would have coined the phrase “there’s a sucker born every minute” if P.T. Barnum hadn’t—can’t dig up a bonafide big man, Lewis will play center and the Condors will hurt.

Ex-coach Johnny Clark—who ran the club when it was known as the Pipers, which it was before it became the Pioneers and subsequently the Condors—summed it up best: “This team has a lot of guys who can do one thing well, but nobody that can do everything well.”

He wasn’t being bitter, just discerning.

WEAK SPOTS: Clark said it best—the Condors have a little of everything, a lot of nothing. Lewis is perhaps the guttiest center in the league, but he is still 6-8 and that’s not big enough to deal with the Haywoods and the Daniels.

Williams and Brisker could easily combine for 50 points a game, and hurt the club because of defensive shortcomings in the corners, more of the same. Stew Johnson is as good an outside shooting forward as there is in the ABA, but as one official succinctly put it: “he can’t rebound from out there.” In the other corner McMahon will have to fill in the blank. There are a dozen prospects, who are also suspects. No less than five players were given a chance to claim the job on a regular basis. None did, which is one reason why the Condors, nee Pipers, finished fifth in the ABA East.

“I’ve been told they didn’t have a defensive ballplayer on this club last season,” says McMahon. They didn’t. They also had only one rebounder—Lewis.

And there are certain other little deficiencies. The Pipers were the worst free-throw shooting team in pro basketball. They had some morale problems, primarily with Thompson. They had home games, but no fans. They had two coaches, Nos. 5 and 6 in three years. They had a front-office situation so inane and so tight-fisted that the publicity man ended up

running the operation. They had . . . it went on and on.

What they didn’t have was ballplayers. The jury’s still out for this season.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The Condors would like to run the break all the time, only they can’t because they can’t get the ball and because some of the players are often too tired to run.

The result is an offense that is a shuffle-and-shoot affair. Williams is a brilliant scorer, drives like a whirlwind, shoots like Matt Dillon’s six-gun. Brisker is the most accurate long-range scorer in the league. So the Condors amble down court and pop from 20 feet.

Under a new coach, and Blake’s dictum that “he who does not go to the board, goes,” the running game will pick up. No. 1 draft pick Mike Maloy showed up at a rookie camp so fat one club official said “we put him out in the middle and ran around him to build up our wind,” but he will improve the rebounding.

“We’re going to run when we can, as often as we can,” McMahon says, hopefully.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: There was a minus 5.3 points a game differential between what the Pipers scored and what they gave up, highest in the league, so McMahon has proposed drastic steps.

“We will concentrate on defense,” he says, which is what every coach says. To that end several of the old Pipers will be replaced by defense-oriented rookies. But McMahon is realistic. “Sure, I could say we’ll press all over the court,” he says, “but without the talent we can’t do that. We’ll play as much of a pressure game as we possibly can.”

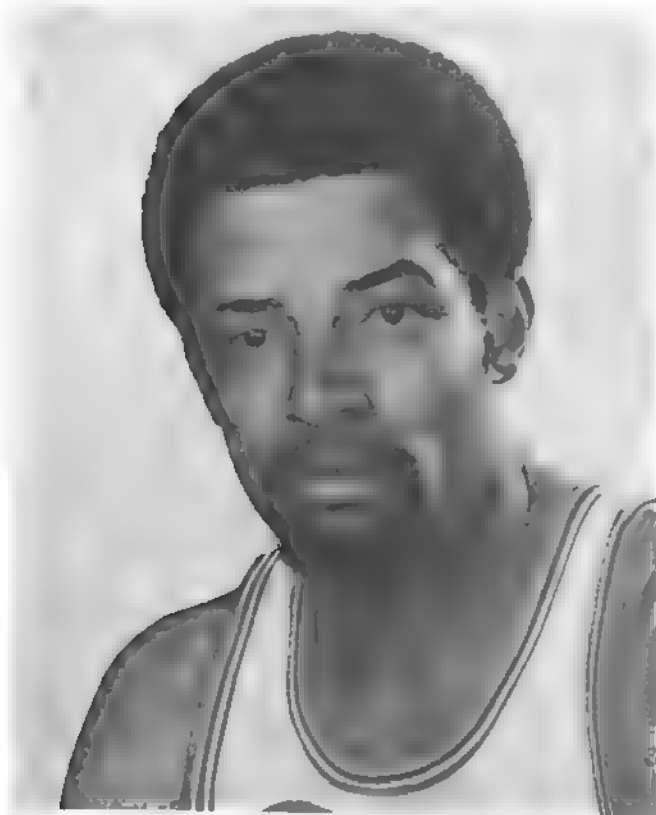
Familiar with the pros’ man-to-man defense, Maloy will be a help, while second-year players such as Brisker and Thompson will improve if from nothing other than exposure.

NEW FACES OF 1970: If Blake’s wheeling and dealing pays off, all but a couple of the faces will be new. Maloy is certain to play as is Simmie Hill, picked up from Miami in a trade for Warren Davis.

But other than Maloy, the only Condor draft choice to sign was cut the second day of the rookie camp. Blake brings in prospects almost as fast as McMahon gets rid of them, but a few rookies and NBA castoffs will stick.

Pittsburgh Condors Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS	COLLEGE
23	John Brisker	G-F	6-5	210	22	1	Toledo
12	Dennis Hamilton	F	6-8	225	24	3	Arizona State
	Simmie Hill	F	6-8	235	23	1	West Texas State
13	Stew Johnson	F	6-8	220	25	3	Murray State
14	Arvesta Kelly	G	6-3	200	24	3	Lincoln (Neb.)
24	Mike Lewis	F-C	6-8	225	23	2	Duke
	Lonnie Lynn	F	6-8	215	25	2	Wilberforce
25	George Thompson	G	6-2	215	22	1	Marquette
	Chico Vaughn	G	6-2	190	30	8	Southern Illinois
44	Charlie Williams	G	6-0	165	27	3	Seattle
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
	Mike Maloy	F	6-7	225	22		Davidson
	Mike Hauer	F	6-4	220	22		St. Joseph's
	Walker Banks	C	6-10	205	21		Western Kentucky
	Ken Spain	C	6-9	235	23		Houston



CHARLIE WILLIAMS



JOHN BRISKER



MIKE LEWIS



MIKE MALOY

Among them may be Ken Spain, Mike Hauer, Jim Modlin, Chad Calabria, Chuck Williams and Bobby Cremins.

THE BIG IFs: There is one major question and if Blake doesn't have the answer, four or five minor ones will become academic.

The Condors must, to even play .500 ball, find a center to battle the big boys. If Lewis has to play the hole, all else is moot.

Of minor interest are the other IFs. Stew Johnson could become one of the best forwards in the league if he rebounds adequately. Charlie Williams is a good bet to lead the league in scoring if his leg is sound. Brisker could be of exceptional value if he learns that defense is an integral part of the game. Blake could be a genius if he puts his talent where his mouth has been.

IF...

SUM-UP: The Condors are rebuilding from scratch and will be lucky to make the playoffs. "It can't be done in a day but we'll be competitive," Blake says. For him to be right, half of the IFs will have to be answered affirmatively.

THE MANAGEMENT: The new Condor front-office started out with a boo-boo, but even in error it was a vast

improvement over what preceded it.

When former owner Gabe Rubin was publicly charged with "running a two-bit operation" a local writer said: "The charge is valid, but the price is vastly inflated."

The club's advertising budget wouldn't have paid your milk bill and one of Rubin's many economy measures was to quit serving hot dogs to the press at halftime.

A hustling publicist, Fred Cranwell, sold reduced-rate tickets to sponsors of youth and industrial teams that played before the Piper games. Without his zeal it is doubtful the league would have permitted the franchise to remain in town due to the attendance which, when padded, averaged 1,000 a game.

A conglomerate that owns Jack Frost sugar, among other things, bought the club this spring and proved to indeed be sugar daddies. The Condors have the league's highest-paid front office and all is joy. A contest was held to choose a new nickname and Pioneers was selected, but an unhappy entrant filed suit claiming irregularities and a local college threatened to sue because its nickname had been usurped. Blake opted for Condors and peace was again known in the land.

The Pittsburgh Stars

John Brisker Guard No. 23
Toledo 22 6-5 210

2nd Year
Detroit

One of the most exciting new players in the league ... Runnerup to Spencer Haywood for rookie award ... Playing only his senior season, he was an outstanding pass receiver in football and has been contacted by several NFL teams ... Averaged 20 points a game despite playing only 29 minutes a contest ... Heavyweight champ of ABA after decking several contenders, including Kentucky's Sam Smith and Ron Boone of Dallas, both of whom needed extensive facial repairs ... Designs own clothes ... Worked with ghetto youth in clinics he sponsored on his own ... Converted to guard after being one of Toledo's greatest scoring forwards ...

Charlie Williams Guard No. 44
Seattle 27 6-0 175

4th Year
Seattle

Leading league in scoring until sidelined by a broken leg in December after running into Stars' Billy McGill ... Career ABA average over 20 a game ... Two-time all-star ... Condors' player rep ... Investigated during basketball scandal at Seattle his senior season but never charged ... Turned down offer last year from Seattle of NBA ... One of fastest players in league excellent guard on break ... Helped spark Pipers to league championship three years ago ...

Mike Lewis Forward-Center No. 24
Duke 23 6-8 225

3rd Year

Best "small" center in league ... Averaged 16 points and 13 rebounds a game ... No. 6 in league in rebounding ... All-American at Duke ... High school All-American at Missoula, Mont. ... Tireless worker ... Good touch and ballhandling ability for center ... Holds record for roommates, single season ... "I'm a jinx," says Lewis, who lost his eighth roomie in one year when Warren Davis was traded ... Played behind Mel Daniels at Indiana and Connie Hawkins at Minnesota ... One of few centers to contain Daniels ...

Stew Johnson Forward No. 13
Murray State 25 6-8 220

4th Year
Clairton, Pa.

One of best-shooting cornermen in league, averaged 41 per cent from field ... Led Houston with a 20.0 average as a rookie ... Averaged 15.6 a game last year ... Fair defensive player, needs work on rebounding ... Home-town boy, born in small community just outside Pittsburgh ... Condors' his

fifth ABA team after playing for Kentucky, New Jersey, New York and Houston ...

Arvesta Kelly Guard No. 14
Lincoln (Nebr.) 25 6-3 200

4th Year

Could be one of league's outstanding guards with consistency ... Excellent on break and driving ... Most accurate shooting guard in league, third overall with 51.6 per cent average ... Averaged 13.6 a game ... Team's best playmaker ... One of best decathlon men in nation senior year at Lincoln, where he was brilliant four-sport star ... Inconsistency only weakness ...

George Thompson Guard No. 25
Marquette 23 6-2 215

2nd Year
New York City

Played little until mid-season after being converted to guard ... Late surge gave him 12.9 average ... Excellent leaper ... Called "best one-on-one ballplayer in country" senior season at Marquette ... All-American after averaging 21 a game for three years at forward ... All-New York City as prep player ... Highest scorer in Marquette history, topping All-NBA star Don Kojis ... Led Warriors to NIT finals as sophomore, to NCAA Midwest Regionals as junior ... All-Tournament teams both years ...

Simmie Hill Forward No. ____
West Texas St. 23 6-7 225

2nd Year
Midland, Pa.

One of finest schoolboy players in Western Pennsylvania history ... No. 1 draft pick of Stars, No. 2 by Chicago of NBA ... Traded to Miami by Stars, then to Condors ... Junior college and college All-American ... jazz fan ... All-time leading scorer in West Texas history ... great local favorite as prep star ... Had differences with coach Bill Sharman at L.A. ... Rated "potential star in this league" by one ABA coach ...

Top Rookies

Mike Maloy Forward
Davidson 22 6-7 220

All-American as junior ... Average of 18.9 that year dropped off after coaching change ... Rated excellent defensive prospect who can rebound ... Came to rookie camp 20 pounds overweight and warned he would be fined unless reported back in shape ... "Even with the weight, you can see he's got the tools," says McMahon ... No. 1 draft choice, signed before NBA draft to reported three-year, \$100,000 contract ...

Condors Past Performance Chart

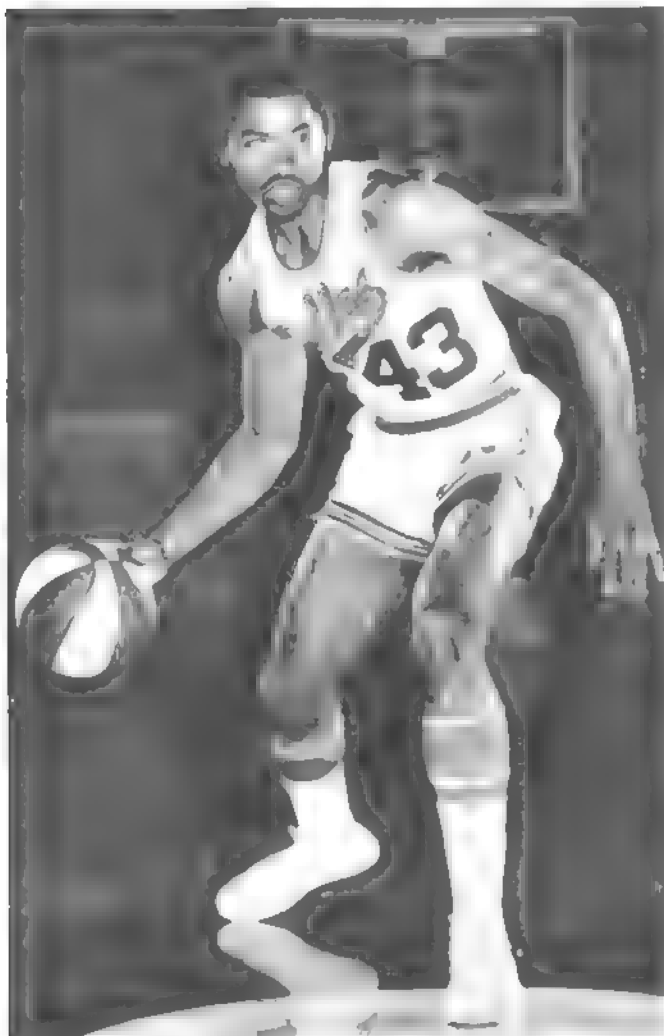
Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	5	29	55	30	1967-68**	1	54	24	—
1968-69*	4	36	42	8	*as Minnesota Pipers **as Pittsburgh Pipers				

Individual Leaders

Scoring				Assists			
1969-70	John Brisker	21.0	1969-70	Mike Lewis	3.4		
1968-69	Connie Hawkins	30.2	1968-69	Connie Hawkins	3.9		
1967-68	Connie Hawkins	26.7	1967-68	Connie Hawkins	3.4		

Rebounding				Field Goal Percentage			
1969-70	Mike Lewis	13.5	1969-70	John Brisker	34-116 (29.3%)		
1968-69	Tom Washington	12.6	1968-69	Charlie Williams	66-212 (31.1%)		
1967-68	Connie Hawkins	13.5	1967-68	Chico Vaughn	137-410 (33.4%)		

TEXAS CHAPARRALS



Manny Leaks found himself as Chaps' center in 1969-70.



Rich Jones' jumper could lift Chaps in 1970-71.

Team Profile

President Robert S. Folsom
 Vice President, General Manager
 and Coach Max Williams
 Vice President Lawrence S. Pollock
 Vice President Jack L. Van Volkenburg
 Assistant General Manager Lee Meade
 Director of Player Scouting Doc Hayes
 Trainer John Lally
 Office: 6116 N. Central Expressway, Dallas, Texas 75206
 Arena: Moody Coliseum, Dallas (8,500), also Ft. Worth
 Convention Center and Lubbock Arena

TEAM COLORS: Red, White and Blue

1969-70 RECORD: Won 45, Lost 39, 2nd in West

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
4	Denver	8	4	Indiana	2
7	Washington	5	2	Kentucky	4
9	Los Angeles	3	1	Carolina	5
6	New Orleans	6	4	New York	2
			4	Pittsburgh	2
			4	Miami	2
<hr/> 26		<hr/> 22	<hr/> 19		<hr/> 17

1970-71 Division Alignment

ABA West
 Denver
 Indiana
 Memphis
 Texas
 Utah

STRONG POINTS: Traditionally, Texas (last year's Dallas, now statewide) shoots opponents full of holes at one end of the court only to give them artificial respiration at the other end. This year should see no noteworthy changes.

"If you get the ball for us, we'll surely throw it in the hole," says Coach Max Williams. After general manager Williams fired hard-rock Cliff Hagan early in the season, he replaced him with an amiable, fun-loving Texan with a no-sweat philosophy Max Williams

The Chaps quit griping and had a grand old time the rest of the way, averaging 130 points a game, which was almost as many as they gave up

When his No. 1 draft pick, Bobby Croft, was stolen by Kentucky, Williams howled loud and long. He quit howling after a complex maneuver with the Colonels ended with Cincy Powell in Louisville and 6-9 center Gene Moore in Dallas. "They didn't want to let go of Moore, to be frank," drawls Williams, "but they got in trouble with the league."

Moore, the 20th best scorer (17.7) and 10th best rebounder (12.7) will allow Williams to shift outmanned Manny Leaks to a forward. Leaks was the most improved pivot in the league, but as Williams observes, "when a big center leaned on him we were in trouble."

There will be less leaning on Moore and less trouble for Williams. Leaks was one notch better than Moore as a rebounder and three better as a scorer. He should be more comfortable at forward.

Making the Chap frontline what it is—dependable, aggressive and productive—is John Beasley, who will fit right in there statistically between Moore and Leaks.

Most adept at throwing the ball in the hole is Williams' pride, guard Glen Combs, a 22-point shooter. "There aren't too many better'n' Glen," William enthuses. He's right, and none of the ones who are better'n' Glen play for Texas.

WEAK SPOTS: Lest you labor under a misapprehension, the Big D in Dallas did not stand for defense. This year the Chaps fanned out to take in all of Texas as a regional franchise, which means they'll be a sieve over the entire state rather than in just one city.

Last year only Miami gave up more points than the Chaps—and it was observed by some that Miami's opponents should have been no tougher than, say, Coral Gables High.

Leaks had trouble with the big pivots, Powell is primarily an offensive forward and the Chaps lacked a mobile forward on defense. Those three shortcomings were almost as fatal as the defense displayed by the guards, with the exception of Ron Boone, whose hustle didn't compensate for not being able to move his feet fast enough. "Our guards aren't quick," Williams admits. "They hurt us all year against the quick people."

Williams went after some quick people of his own and guard Tom Hagan comes out of the Army, so the jury will remain out on how much, if any, the defense will improve this year.

Unless a pair of rookie forwards live up to their advance billing, Texas is also going to be about toenail deep in frontcourt reserve strength. Leaks will move over to backup Moore and the only blooded reserve remaining is Bob Bedell, who has not exactly burned up the league.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Run, Manny, run; run, Glen, run. See the Chaps run. Run, Chaps, run. Like that.

Texas, sub, is biggern' life. A basketball player has to run all night to get from the end line to mid-court. Max Williams is not a dull human being, so it follows he wouldn't coach a dull team.

"We'll run, run, run," says Williams to simplify things. "With the addition of Moore we'll run more." Max didn't get the play on words, concentrating as he was on his club's penchant for points. "We'll score, I'll guarantee it."

Both the guards, Combs and Boone, lean toward the break and the big frontline will get them the ball. The outside shooting is handled by Combs and John Beasley, who hit on 50 percent of his shots, a large percentage of them from the corner.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The Chaps' major tendency is not to play defense. They don't have the speed to press and the guards are constantly beaten one-on-one or picked off.

Fortunately, John Beasley retreats quickly and makes it fairly tough for the opponents' highest-scoring forward. "He's a great defensive rebounder," says Williams, "and he gets things done." Moore, a willing worker, also gets things done; things which cause the referees to blow their whistles and the trainers to run for the needle and thread. So enthusiastic is Moore that he fouled enough to play only an average of 31 minutes a game. If he continues to attract the officials' attention, Leaks will have to do extra duty at center defensively. If he does the Chaparrals are going to be grounded.

NEW FACES OF 1970: The Chaps' rookie crop better have more quality than quantity. Williams gives three first-year men a chance to survive the first three days of camp. They are lanky guard Pete Smith, speedy guard Joe Hamilton and brawny forward Manuel Cannon.

But Williams is primarily counting on faces that may be new in Texas but that have been worn elsewhere. Moore is the most familiar; Rich Jones' may be the most critical. Jones is a 6-8 forward returning from a year in Europe.

THE BIG IFs: A new face is the biggest IF. Jones is considered one of the best new talents in the league and he'll have to be just about that to allow the Chaps to progress at the same rate other clubs have. Jones reputedly plays tough defense, which will make him something of a novelty in Dallas. He could give Williams the versatility that would allow for some coachly maneuvering revolving around the use of Moore and Leaks.

Texas Chaparrals Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
22	Bob Bedell	F	6-7	205	25	3	Stanford
44	John Beasley	F	6-9	225	26	3	Texas A&M
43	Manny Leaks	F-C	6-8	225	26	2	Niagara
—	Gene Moore	C	6-9	225	25	2	St. Louis
10	Glen Combs	G	6-2	185	23	2	Virginia Tech
12	Ron Boone	G	6-2	200	24	2	Idaho State
24	Charlie Beasley	G	6-5	190	25	3	SMU
34	Maurice McHartley	G	6-3	185	28	6	North Carolina A & T
32	Tom Hagan	G	6-3	190	23	1	Vanderbilt
33	Rich Jones	F	6-8	225	24	2	Memphis State
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
—	Joe Hamilton	G	5-11	190	22		No. Texas State
—	Rich Jones	F	6-7	225	23		Illinois
—	Pete Smith	G	6-6	210	23		Pepperdine
—	Manuel Cannon	F	6-7	225	22		Grambling

**JOHN BEASLEY****RON BOONE****GENE MOORE**

But if the Chaps play defense like they did last year, Williams' most successful bit of maneuvering might involve cutting his throat some three nights when Texas gets beat 140-139.

SUM UP: If Gene Moore can score like Cincy Powell and not foul like Gene Moore, the Chaps could make a run at third place. That is, if Rich Jones can do what he supposedly is capable of, which is "doing it all." It also wouldn't hurt if at least one of the rookie guards is able to replace a regular without the Chaps immediately going to seed.

And then there is a matter of defense...

THE MANAGEMENT The management is Williams and a small slice of that never-ending stream of money that must ooze out of the ground over every square foot from El Paso to Houston.

Williams holds three titles, including vice president, and has slowly been pulling the Chaps out of the mud both on the court and at the gate. When Dallas decided it would rather watch old movies on TV, Williams shook the name Dallas and spread out to that which is near and dear to all Texans—Texas. The Chaps will play 25 home games in Dallas, but they will also play 12 in Ft. Worth and five in Lubbock, a sports-crazy burg which might wind up as the team's No. 1 home.

The board of directors is peopled by lots of rich, young Texans, but the feeling persists that Max Williams runs the entire show. The Chaps haven't replaced sneering at the other 49 states as the most popular pastime in Texas, but Max has to get at least a C for effort.

The Texas Stars

John Beasley Forward No. 44 4th Year
Texas A&M 27 6-9 225

MVP in 1968-69 all-star game...two-time all-star... Originally a center...straight A college student...greatest scorer in Agge history...Holds Southwest Conference single-season record...Averaged 18.3 points and was 11th in league rebounding with 12 a game...Eighth most-accurate field goal shooter with 50 percent average...Looks nothing like a pro athlete, but rated one of most dependable and valuable players in league...Among leaders in minutes played.

Gene Moore Center No. — 3rd Year
St. Louis U. 25 6-9 225

Potential super-star...Aggressiveness made him foul-prone with Kentucky and he averaged just 31 minutes a game...Switched from forward in 1968-69 season and became strong scorer and rebounder...Averaged 17.7 points and 12 rebounds a game...Considered highly coachable. Says Kentucky coach Gene Rhodes, "He doesn't pout, he takes criticism, and he goes out and gets the job done"...Rhodes "hated like hell" to lose him. "I wish I had 12 like him"...Foul problems may be remedied by presence of good backup man in Leaks... "He knew there was no one but him and it made him get in even more trouble," says Williams.

Manny Leaks Forward-Center No. 43 3rd Year
Niagara 24 6-8 225

Came to Dallas from New York for a fourth-round draft choice in a deal since termed a capital crime...Averaged 18.7 points and 12.4 rebounds a game, ninth best in league...Played in Calvin Murphy's shadow at Niagara, where he was reportedly hard to handle...No trouble in Dallas, says Williams, although he showed up for at least one regular-season game at halftime...Only real handicap at center is height...Will be shifted to forward...Determined, scrappy on boards...Flashy mod dresser...All-Star last year...Originally drafted by Kentucky.

Glen Combe Guard No. 10 3rd Year
Virginia Tech 23 6-2 185

Major surprise after being seventh-round pick...10th in scoring (22.2), fourth in three-pointers (35 percent), third in free-throw accuracy (83 percent)...Tough despite small stature. Says Williams, "...a hardnose without the build"... Seems destined for stardom...Lacks only polished defensive skills...Good pressure shooter...Averaged almost 25 points a game in playoffs when L.A. eliminated Chaps in six games...Coached in high school by father...Picked fifth by San Diego...Trailed only Louie Dampier (198-130) in number of three-point baskets.

Ron Boone Guard No. 12 4th Year
Idaho State 24 6-2 200

One of top rookies in league two years ago...Average fell over five points from 18.9 of first year...Holds club records for 32 straight free throws, 14 field goals in one half and a 24-point quarter...Lost starting job to Charlie Beasley during first half, but regained it...Strong jumper to the point that occasionally William goes for an unorthodox defense that has him playing the pivot...A scrapper, he lost TKO decision to Pittsburgh's Johnny Brisker last year.

Charlie Beasley Guard No. 24 4th Year
SMU 25 6-5 190

No relation to John...Averaged 13.3 points a game as regular two years ago...Third highest scorer in Southern Methodist history...Good defender and playmaker...Would probably lead league if stats were kept on steals...Hampered on an off by a foot injury...League free-throw champ in 1967-68...Holds club record for assists in single game...Insurance man in off-season.

Tom Hagan Guard No. 34 2nd Year
Vanderbilt 22 6-3 190

Spent all but a few weeks of rookie season in the Army...No. 1 draft choice...Signed by ex-coach Cliff Hagan but no relation... "People been trying to make us kinfolks for years," said Cliff. "When he was younger he probably didn't mind. After he got older I certainly didn't"... Could become regular playmaker...50 percent shooter and second-leading scorer in Vanderbilt history...All-SEC three straight seasons...MVP in talent-rich Hawaiian post-season tourney.



Max Williams directs fortunes of Chaparrals.

... Fourth-leading scorer in Stanford history ... Drafted by Philadelphia of NBA ... Has acquired rep among players as excellent actor in foul situations ... Quick to seek redress from officials, which has earned him some extra punishment from opponents.

Top Rookies

Rich Moore Forward
Illinois 23 6-8 220

Could be the year's biggest sleeper ... "Let me tell you, this kid is a player," says an ABA coach. "He's going to shake up a few people" ... Caught in slush-fund scandal at Illinois and transferred to Memphis State ... Passed up ABA for year in Europe ... Williams blames agent for loss of season in pros ... "He finally called me and said he wanted to play for us," Williams says. "He could help" ... Outstanding rebounder, more than adequate shooter and defender.

Joe Hamilton Guard
N. Texas State 22 5-11 190

Height may hinder him, scoring and playmaking ability won't ... One of outstanding guards in Southwest ... Polished all-round skills ... Could be playmaker Williams needs so badly.

Pete Smith Guard
Pepperdine 23 6-6 200

Another sleeper ... Rated fine scorer and defensive player ... Will get a long look because size makes him extremely valuable commodity as guard capable of handling league's better outside scorers ... Already well-traveled after starting college career at Cincinnati and going to Valdosta State before winding up at Pepperdine.

Manuel Cannon Forward
Grambling 22 6-7 225

Called "the finest player to come out of Grambling since Willis Reed" ... "He's not Rich Jones, but he ain't Bob Bedell either," says ABA scout. "He's a big, mean kid that likes to play inside. He'll help them."

Bob Bedell Forward No. 22
Stanford 25 6-7 205

Capable reserve as rookie with Anaheim, has played sparingly last two seasons at Dallas ... Primarily used late in season ... Plays better in playoffs than during regular season

4th Year **Radio**

All Chaparral games will be broadcast by KRLD, 1080 kc, in Dallas. Terry Stembbridge will do the play-by-play. At least six Chaps' games will also be aired by WRR, 1310.

Chaparrals Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	Behind
1969-70	2nd	45	39	6	1967-68	2nd	46	32	2
1968-69	4th	41	37	19					

Individual Leaders				
Scoring			Assists	
1969-70	Glen Combs	22.2	1969-70	Glen Combs 4.6
1968-69	Cincy Powell	19.4	1968-69	Ron Boone 3.6
1967-68	John Beasley	19.6	1967-68	Cliff Hagan 4.9
Rebounding			Three Point Field Goals	
1969-70	Manny Leaks	12.4	1969-70	Glen Combs 130-370 (35.1%)
1968-69	John Beasley	12.6	1968-69	Glen Combs 84-233 (36.1%)
1967-68	John Beasley	12.8	1967-68	Bob Verga 13-50 (26.0%)

UTAH STARS



Willie Wise (42) was member of ABA's all-rookie team last season, and if his ankles are sound he'll be excellent.

Team Profile

League Trustee Bill Daniels
 President and General Manager Vince Boryla
 Coach and Vice President Bill Sharman
 Assistant General Manager Don Friedenichs
 Director of Public Relations Harvey Kirkpatrick
 Trainer Buddy Taylor
 Office: Salt Place, 100 South West Temple, Salt Lake City,
 Utah 84101
 Arena: Salt Palace (12,166)

TEAM COLORS: Red, White and Blue

1969-70 RECORD: Won 42, Lost 41, 4th in West

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
3	Denver	9	2	Indiana	4
4	Washington	8	4	Kentucky	2
9	New Orleans	3	5	Carolina	1
3	Dallas	9	4	New York	2
			5	Pittsburgh	1
			4	Miami	2
19		29	24		12

1970-71 Division Alignment

ABA West

Denver
 Indiana
 Louisiana
 Texas
 Utah

TEAM STRENGTHS. Good centers in the ABA are more conspicuous than a tarantula crawling across a piece of angel food cake. Utah has two exceptional centers, so the Stars figure to shine brighter in Salt Lake City than they did amidst the glitter of Los Angeles, where due to the Lakers they were regarded a small step removed from a YMCA league.

After sitting out an option year, Zelmo Beaty moves into the hole to provide the body-punching, while Don Freeman moves in from Miami to supply excellent long-range bombing.

Beaty, an NBA star, has fired great expectations in Utah, not the least of which emanate from coach Bill Sharman. "Beaty won't block as many shots or rebound as much as Spencer Haywood, but he's got the experience and the shooting touch."

Considering that Haywood stuck the league in his pocket,

it follows that the Stars could improve to the point of out-lasting Indiana, which conquered them in six games for the league championship.

Craig Raymond, now known as the Stars' other center—and a conscientious payroll clerk will also be available to bolster a pennant run.

Last year the Stars were hurt by the front office, which was often late in depositing enough money to pay salaries. When the club changed hands late in the season, the Stars won 17 of their last 21 games.

"Getting our paychecks on time sure helped," laughs Sharman. Raymond didn't hurt, either. One of those seven-foot centers who are 6-11, Raymond averaged 17 points and 14 rebounds a game during the playoffs. If he can adapt to a new offense he will join George Stone to give the Stars one of the more potent frontlines in the league.

WEAK SPOTS: Ironically, one of the Stars' strengths may be hiding a weakness. Sharman will try to use both Beaty and Raymond on the floor at the same devastating instant and it could be as beneficial as teaming Lassie with Bugs Bunny.

"Sharman could have a real headache," says an ABA coach with joy in his eyes. "Raymond hates the bench, he'll never go for it, and if he isn't playing regularly there could be trouble." Such opinions are not unanimous. Another coach says, "Beaty tore up the NBA, so why won't he tear up this league? They don't really need Raymond."

In any case what the Stars do need is a playmaking guard who can also play enough defense for one-and-a-half men. Freeman is a brilliant shooter who has been known to play defense consistently; it's merely a matter of ascertaining just when he did it the last time.

Merv Jackson is a good backup guard, but the Stars' next best bet for a reserve in the backcourt is Sharman, who just isn't available anymore. Andy Anderson is an unproven commodity and the rest of the guards are rookies.

The Stars missed out on their top five draft picks and traded guard Mack Calvin and forward Tom Washington for Freeman, so depth could be a hurdle.

Another soft spot may lay in Utah's inability to make a pair of major adjustments. Beaty will bring a changing offense, and it is safe to say that the "scoring balance" so highly thought of by Sharman in the past will become an historical artifact in the age of big Z and Freeman.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: For the first time in his career as a coach, Sharman now has the wherewithal for the

type of running game that made him and his Boston Celtic teammates the scourge of the NBA until the iron at last drained from Bill Russell's legs.

Beaty and Raymond will work out of a high-low post—Zelmo outside to handle the bulk of the scoring and occasionally hinge the fast-break, and Raymond inside to get the ball.

"I want to put in a running game like the Celtics had," Sharman says. "And I hope we've instilled the Celtic philosophy, the kind of pride we had in Boston."

Freeman will also benefit from Beaty's strong picks, and both are exceptional shooters from the key. "One of the reasons for the high-low post is that Zelmo is an awfully good shot from 15 feet," Sharman says.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: The loss of Mack Calvin and Tom Washington, who went to Miami in exchange for Freeman, will weaken the Stars defensively.

Calvin was perhaps the fastest guard in the league and Washington's forte was defense. Both were adept at pressuring the ball and their loss will hurt.

Conversely, Beaty is an exceptional defender, capable of handling the big men, and will join Raymond and Stone to provide the best kind of defense—the kind which doesn't allow second chances.

NEW FACES OF 1970: Beaty will be the ABA's New Face, and the Stars have never had a hotshot outside shooter like Freeman. Only four rookies have a prayer of making the club. Fred Davis and John Rinka will get a look in the backcourt, along with a hometown boy, Dick Nemelka. Sharman is also high on 6-9 Bill Stricker of the University of Pacific.

THE BIG IFs: Raymond's attitude and the guard to complement Freeman are items which will need Sharman's attention. A highly-touted extrovert, the likeable Raymond was eventually bypassed by NBA clubs for alleged indifference. Picked up by the struggling Pittsburgh Pipers (now Condors) for a journeyman, he came in like a lion, left like a lamb over the protests of rookie coach Johnny Clark, who correctly predicted he would become a major force in the league.

Raymond's capacity for hard work is fragile and it might disappear altogether if he were relegated to being Beaty's caddy.

Underrated Bob Warren, who can score and play defense, will probably team with Freeman and will have to adjust to playing without the ball.

Utah Stars Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
31	Zelmo Beaty	C	6-9	235	30	7	Prarie View
40	Andy Anderson	G	6-2	185	26	3	Canisius
20	Don Freeman	G	6-3	185	26	3	Illinois
35	Wayne Hightower	F	6-9	205	31	9	Kansas
10	Merv Jackson	G	6-3	175	24	2	Utah
54	Craig Raymond	C	6-11	245	25	3	Brigham Young
33	George Stone	F	6-7	195	25	2	Marshall
21	Bob Warren	G	6-5	190	24	2	Vanderbilt
42	Willie Wise	F	6-6	215	23	1	Drake
22	Tom Workman	F	6-7	218	26	4	Seattle
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
—	Fred Davis	G	6-5	210	22		Howard Payne
—	John Rinka	G	5-10	175	22		Kanyon
—	Bill Stricker	F	6-8	230	22		Univ. of Pacific

SUM-UP. If Zelmo zooms in his first year in the ABA as he did in seven NBA seasons, the Mormon Church could become the second most popular institution in Utah.

For Warren, Jackson and a few other Stars this will be their third season, the one in which most pros blossom. "It takes three years for experience to catch up with ability" is Sharman's way of putting it. The kids maturing under Beaty's steadiness and Raymond making normal progression

on his fine '69-'70 season should make the Stars a solid threat.

THE MANAGEMENT: Last year in L.A., owner Jim Kirst stretched his money too thin and the nonexistent money market quietly slid him down the drain. "He was a great guy, but he had a lot of bad luck," says Sharman. In the Stars' press guide, over Kirst's picture, were the words "here to stay". New owners Bill Daniels, a cable-TV millionaire, and ex-New York Knick Vince Boryla felt no such sentiment and quickly shed the bright lights for Utah.

They say in the ABA that Boryla has rubber pockets in case he meets a guy who might be talked out of a bowl of soup, but they say it respectfully. Boryla engineered the bold deal that cost the Stars a possible young star in Mack Calvin but got them hotshot Don Freeman, and he has all Utah agog over its first major-league team.

"Everything's great now," enthuses Sharman. "It's a first-class operation." Boryla's predecessor, Jim Hardy, once bounced an ABA ball some 300 miles trying to drum up business, but even calling their NBA rival the "Inglewood Lakers" didn't help the doomed Stars.

The Utah Stars

Zelmo Beaty Center No. 31
Prairie View 30 6-9 235

8th Year

A superstar in seven years with St. Louis and Atlanta . . . One of slickest big men in game . . . Averaged 17 points a game over seven NBA seasons . . . Year's layoff not expected to be a factor. "He's anxious and he's ready," says Sharman . . . Jumped NBA for "the security my contract provides" . . . Worked out with Stars and did promotional work . . . In final season with Hawks jumped his average to 21.5 a game . . . Switched to ABA under misconception that San Francisco's Nate Thurmond was making a similar move . . . Four-year contract in excess of \$400,000 . . . Said when signed he got "more for one year than for three at Atlanta" . . . Twice named to NBA all-star team

Don Freeman Guard No. 20
Illinois 26 6-3 185

4th Year

Fourth in league scoring with 27.3 average for Miami last year, ninth in free throw accuracy (82 per cent) . . . Stoic on court, never smiles . . . Loyal to Jim Pollard, reportedly didn't get along too well with Pollard's successor, Hal Blitman . . . Shoots when he can see rim on instructions from coach . . . Last year was told at one time to shoot 45 times a game . . . All-ABA second team . . . Called "Mr. Clutch" . . . Owns one of finest outside jump shots in game . . . A center in high school, forward at Illinois, where he was MVP . . . Holds Illini career scoring record . . . Sleeps four hours just before every game . . . Played high school ball with ex-Miami teammate Skip Thoren

Craig Raymond Center No. 54
Brigham Young 25 6-11 245

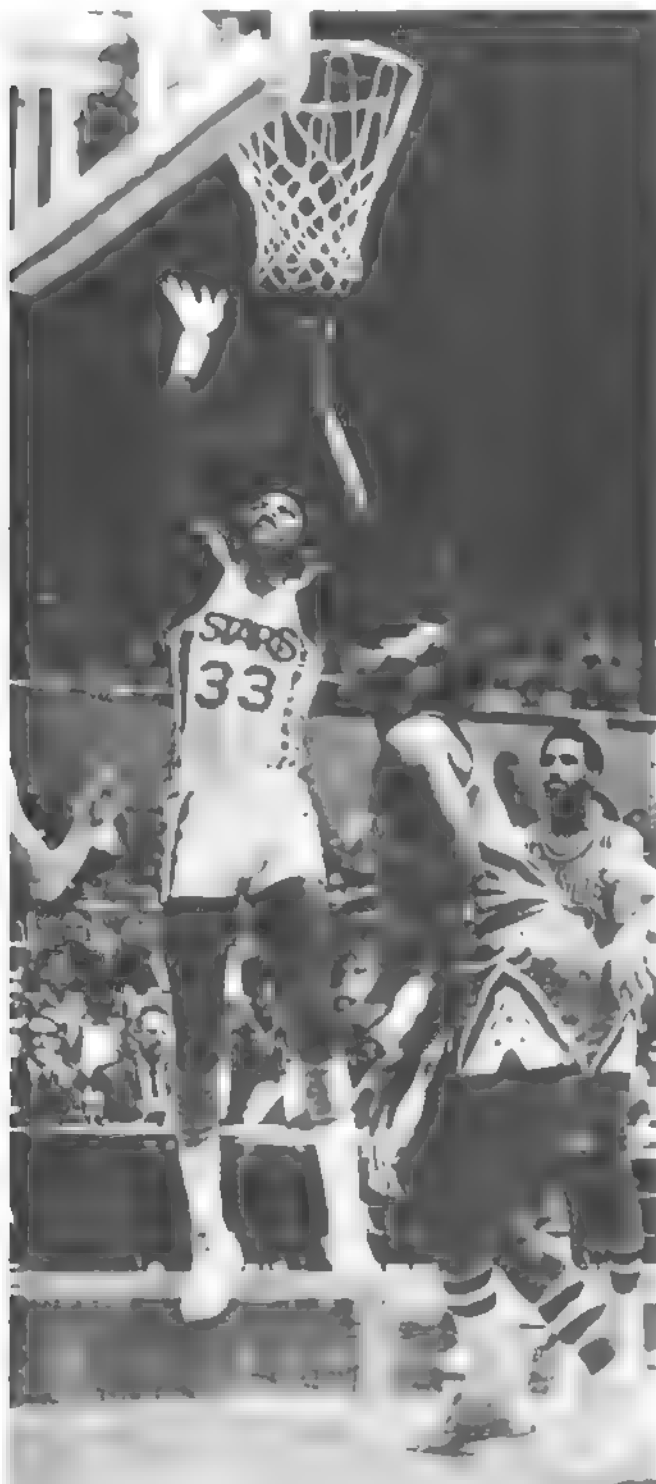
4th Year

Labeled a potential super-star since days at Brigham Young, he never quite lived up to advance billing . . . Cut by two NBA teams, starred briefly for Pittsburgh before suffering an ankle injury . . . Failed to regain stature and traded along with Washington for Warren Davis . . . Responded to Sharman's coaching and last half was one of best pivots in league, averaging 17 points a game and rebounding consistently . . . Popular in L.A., should be sensation back in home state . . . Owns interests in motels . . .

George Stone Forward No. 33
Marshall 25 6-7 195

4th Year

Nicknames, Radar and Rocky, tell it all . . . Fine shooting eye, averaged 23.6 a game to lead Stars in playoffs . . .



George Stone always seems to be shooting the ball.

**DON FREEMAN**

Lacked toughness in rookie year, turned mean last year... Stars' ace chess player... Learned to go to the hoop past season... Still needs work on rebounding... First-round draft pick in 1968... One of few stamp collectors in league... Trade-bait early in season...

Wilhe Wise Forward No. 42**2nd Year****Drake 23 6-6 215**

Overlooked in ABA draft, walked into Stars' camp and earned starting job, leading team in scoring final two months of stretch drive... Team's pool shark... Injured in playoffs and missed most of final series with Indiana... Will battle Stone for starting job... Averaged 14 points and 12 rebounds a game to spark Drake to NCAA semi-finals two years ago... Avid biblical student... Three-sport San Francisco schoolboy star...

Bob Warren Guard No. 21**3rd Year****Vanderbilt 24 6-5 190**

One of bigger guards in league... One of its top hustlers... League's No. 1 chicken consumer, nicknamed "Shake 'N Bake"... Mayor of hometown, Hardin, Ky., popul. 350, "mostly my relatives"... Atlanta's No. 2 draft pick in 1968... At 6-5 one of nation's truly huge water skiers... Holds team record with 31 straight free throws... Averaged 14 points a game last year... Signed while at Atlanta's rookie camp... Often called a "John Havlicek-type"... Amateur radio buff...

Merv Jackson Guard No. 10**3rd Year****Utah 24 6-3 175**

Excellent ballhandler-playmaker... Called Merv the Magician... Also called Sweet Merv for ability as middleman on break... One of better reserve guards in league... Led Western Athletic Conference as senior with 23.1 average...

**CRAIG RAYMOND**

Very popular in Utah... Only rookie in 1968 all-star game... college All-American... most valuable schoolboy player in Georgia... Captained Utah as junior and senior...

Wayne Hightower Forward No. 35**10th Year****Kansas 31 6-9 205**

No. 1 draft pick of NBA Warriors... Played four years in NBA, three with San Francisco, one with Baltimore... Also played one year in Madrid, where he got nickname "Spain"... Oldest player on team but still considered one of league's top defensive forwards... Traded to L.A. after two years with Denver, where he was first player signed by Rockets... Fine trumpet player... Once started on frontline with Wilt Chamberlain and Nate Thurmond... Missed much of season with knee and leg injuries...

Andy Anderson Guard No. 40**4th Year****Canisius 26 6-2 185**

Aggressive and consistent, but has never been given an opportunity to start... Reportedly lacks outside shooting skills... Also played with Oakland and Miami... Set Canisius and Palestra (Philadelphia) scoring record with 46-point effort as senior... Averaged eight points a game as reserve... Hometown: Cheektowaga, N.Y.... Drafted No. 6 by Boston...

Tom Workman Forward No. 22**5th Year****Seattle 26 6-7 218**

Spent two years with three NBA teams before coming to Stars... Missed almost entire season with leg injuries... second-team All-American... Another huge water skier... High school All-American... No. 1 draft pick of St. Louis in 1967 before being traded to Baltimore, where he injured his knee seriously in the third minute of his first game... Still has fine potential, but bad knees make him questionable...

Top Rookies**Fred Davis Guard****Howard Payne 22 6-4**

Sharman considers him best bet to make the squad... Fine defensive player and scorer... Considered strong fast-break guard... One of finest players in Howard Payne history...

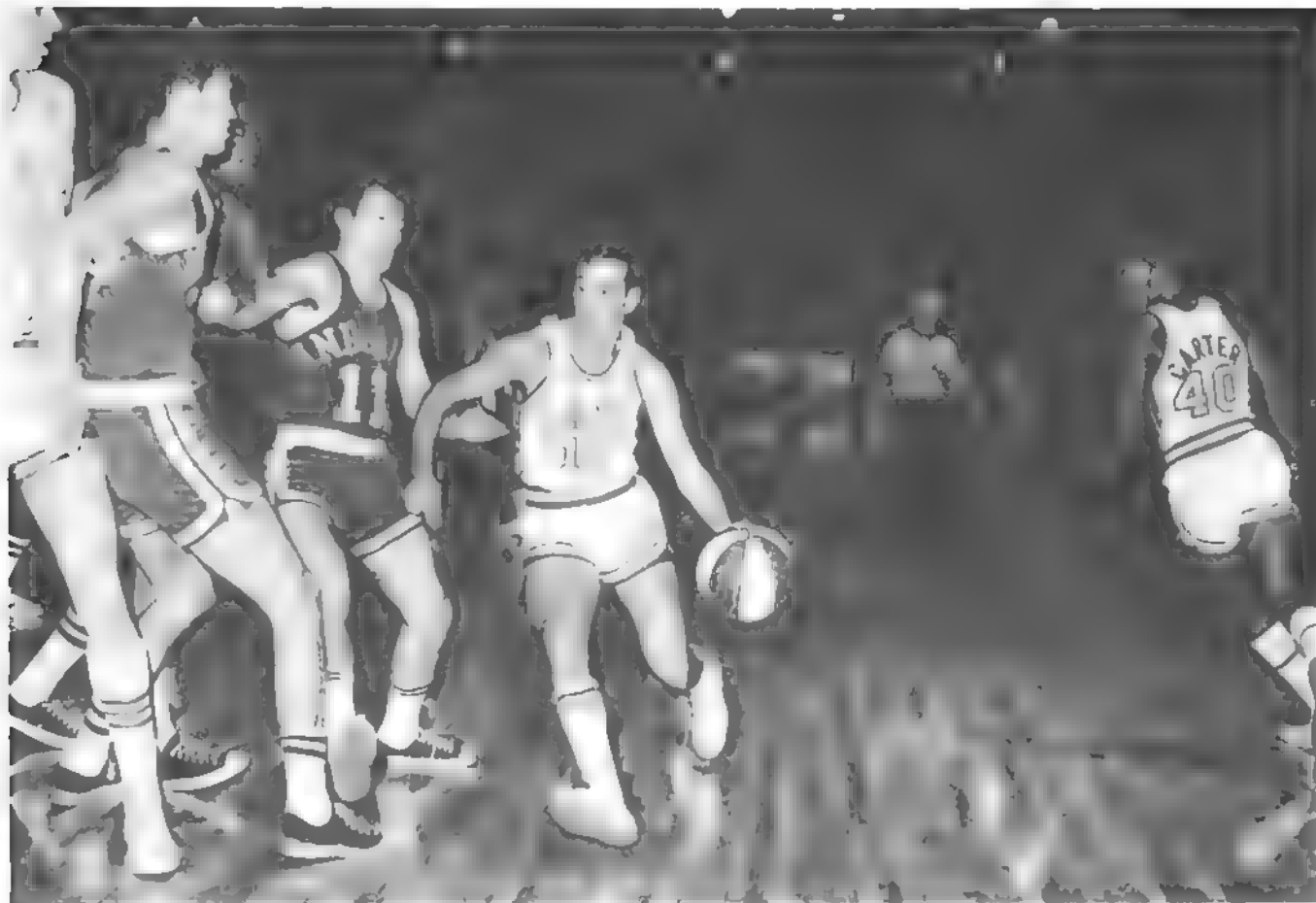
Bill Stricker Forward**U. of Pacific 22 6-8**

Strong, rangy forward who Sharman hopes will add overall balance to the frontline... Considered fine but raw potential... Will battle Workman for reserve role...

Stars' Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	4th	43	41	8	1967-68*	5th	25	53	23
1968-69	5th	33	45	27	*as Anaheim Amigos				
Individual Leaders									
Scoring					Assists				
1969-70	.....Mack Calvin			16.3	1969-70	.....Mack Calvin			5.6
1968-69	.....Larry Miller			17.0	1968-69	.....Mack Calvin			3.3
1967-68	.....Steve Chubin			18.1	1967-68	.....Steve Chubin			4.7
Rebounding					Three-Point Field Goals				
1969-70	.....Willie West			11.6	1969-70	.....George Stone			65-206 (31.6%)
1968-69	.....Warren Davis			10.0	1968-69	.....George Lehman			48-137 (35.0%)
1967-68	.....Warren Davis			10.8	1967-68	.....Les Selvage			147-461 (32.0%)

VIRGINIA SQUIRES



Last year's Caps are this year's Squires, but top playmaker Larry Brown (11) should do as well in his new uniform. He'll be challenged for a backcourt job, however, by top rookie Charlie Scott.

Team Profile

President	Earl Foreman
Board of Directors	Earl Foreman
	Thomas Shaheen
	Louis Diamond
General Manager . Coach	Al Bianchi
Business Manager	Allan J. Fried
Trainer	Bob Travaglini
Publicity Director	Andy Cox
Public Relations	Charles Brotman
Public Relations	Charles Taylor
Team Physician	Dr. Sanford Lavine

TEAM COLORS: To come

1969-70 RECORD: Won 44, Lost 40, 3rd in West

W	vs. West	L	W	vs. East	L
5	Denver	7	1	Indiana	5
5	Dallas	7	1	Kentucky	5
8	Los Angeles	4	3	Carolina	3
6	New Orleans	6	4	New York	2
			5	Pittsburgh	1
			6	Miami	0
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1970-71 Division Alignment

ABA East
Carolina
Floridians
Kentucky
New York
Pittsburgh
Virginia

STRONG POINTS: Squires are set in the corners, where they have forwards as good or better than anybody's in the ABA, and are solid in the backcourts. They are deep in both departments. They would like to be one-deep at center, however, and finding a pivotman, one who can get them the ball and help out on defense, is the key to the coming season.

In Rick Barry and Doug Moe they have the frontline on the ABA's championship team of two years ago. Barry is back in good health, finishing last season as the league's second leading scorer (27.7) and going on to top all playoff participants with a 40.1 mark. Moe should get them more rebounds than they're used to, muscling his way around under the boards, and is one of the best playmaking forwards in the league, which will be to Barry's advantage.

George Carter, at 6-5, and jumping-jack Frank Card, at 6-7, will provide fine relief. They learned a lot last year and know their way around a lot better now. Rookie George Irvine, at 6-6, might help here.

Addition of college All-America Charlie Scott should put

more zip and even more excitement—team had plenty of that ingredient last time—into the Squires. He'll team with skinny Mike Barrett, a member of the all-rookie team last year, or former small college scoring champion Henry Logan. Logan missed most of last season with knee injuries.

Squires still can depend on little Larry Brown, who's led league in assists for three seasons and knows how to handle the fast break better than anybody.

This team has a lot of smarts on the court, a little brawn in Moe, but lacks a proven center now that Ira Harge has been shipped to Carolina in exchange for Moe. Team was counting on 6-10 Garfield Smith, but he signed with NBA's Boston Celtics; and someone in Squire's organization was caught sleeping on that one.

WEAK POINTS: No proven pivotman at this point. Ira Harge was reliable, and now they don't have him. Squires are taking second-look at Ron Taylor, but he's not the answer.

Injuries wrecked this club last season. It lost a lot of firepower when knee operations sidelined top scorers Rick Barry and Warren Armstrong, who's since been sent to Kentucky Colonels in exchange for next year's No. 1 draft choice and a player who was to be named after the Colonels decided on their own line-up.

This team was the most traveled entry in ABA last season, playing Oakland's schedule out of Washington, D.C. It kept the club in Los Angeles a lot. "We were in California so much," complained Coach Al Bianchi, "there was a question as to where we should fill out state income tax."

It's not going to be any easier playing all over the state of Virginia. That can make a club feel like it's always playing on the road, and families become strangers to the players.

Barry's bitchiness and reluctance to remain with this club could cause strife, though, in the past, he's always been too much of a competitor to allow that to interfere with his play.

OFFENSIVE TENDENCIES: This is the fast-breakingest team in the ABA. They love to run and gun and nobody's

better than Barry at that. They talk about his outside jumper but what Rick really likes to do is move along that baseline and take advantage of his outstanding body control to get to the hoop. That's his game. He can work wonders around the basket.

What they really lack is the big rebounding center to trigger the break with the all-important outlet pass to get it going. Brown knows what to do with a basketball, and so does super-rookie Charlie Scott. Moe, though a forward, often operates as a guard and will come outside to get the ball, drive the center, and feed off at the last second to someone who's open underneath. If a club gets back fast on the Squires, like the New York Nets did last year, it hurts their attack considerably. They are not at their free-wheeling best when they have to set up, pick and probe. If you stop their fast break, you can stop them.

DEFENSIVE TENDENCIES: Have very few. Team thinks offensively and just tries to outscore their opposition, which doesn't always work. Brown gives defense a stab, as Scott surely will. Moe can get tough on opposing forwards under the boards. "There's no team going to stop us from scoring," says Coach Bianchi, "but we're going to improve our defense to stop them." That will have to be seen to be believed. Team broke a league record last season when it scored 162 points in double overtime against the Chaparrals, but gave up 158 points in doing so. A few nights later they lost in a similar scoring battle, only a few points less for each team in regulation time!

THE BIG IFs: Rick Barry is a big one if he won't give his all and pouts all season. Charlie Scott, as good as his credentials are, still must prove himself in the pros. Squires must make a deal to come up with a creditable center, and he'll be the biggest "if" of them all.

SUM UP: New city, better environment and a new division should spark the Squires this season. Crowds should be bigger in Virginia cities and competition isn't as strong in

Virginia Squires Roster

NO.	VETERANS	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE	YRS PRO	COLLEGE
24	Rick Barry	F	6-7	215	26	4	Miami (Fla.)
20	Mike Barrett	G	6-2	150	28	1	West Virginia Tech
11	Larry Brown	G	5-9	160	30	4	North Carolina
34	Frank Card	F	6-7	195	25	4	South Carolina St.
40	George Carter	F	6-5	215	26	2	St. Bonaventure
42	Jim Eakins	C	6-11	215	24	2	Brigham Young
21	Hal Jeter	G	6-4	190	24	1	Drake
12	Henry Logan	G	6-0	180	24	2	Western Carolina
—	Doug Moe	F	6-6	215	31	3	North Carolina
14	Roland Taylor	G	6-0	175	23	1	LaSalle
54	Ron Taylor	C	7-1	265	22	1	U.S.C.
NO.	ROOKIES	POS	HGT	WGT	AGE		COLLEGE
—	Charlie Scott	G	6-5	175	23		North Carolina
—	Charles Bloodworth	C	6-8	240	22		NW Louisiana St.
—	Leon Edmunds	F	6-7	215	21		Portland St.
—	George Irvine	F	6-6	200	21		Washington
—	James Gilbert	C	7-0	210	23		Adams St.
—	Andy Jennings	F	6-7	220	21		Alderson Broaddus
—	William Teague	C	6-10	240	22		Youngstown
—	Scott Warner	C	6-7	240	23		Brigham Young

**CARTER****CARD****LOGAN****SCOTT****IRVINE****BARRY**

the East Division, especially with king-pin Indiana having been shifted to other division in the Squires' Place. This team will surely improve on its third place finish of last season and will compete with Kentucky for division honors.

MANAGEMENT: President Earl Foreman is one of the most dynamic leaders in the ABA. He spent time in the NBA with the Baltimore franchise and knows what's happening. His legal background is a plus in today's pro sports arena.

Club was hurt by lack of interest of Bruce Hale as general manager last season. Like his son-in-law Rick Barry, he, too, wanted to return to West Coast. Knew he was going there to coach St. Mary's College in California and traveled about the country on recruiting trips, giving the Squires his expense accounts for such activities.

Al Bianchi knows his basketball, gets along well with his players, and gives them free reign both on and off the court, which they appreciate. Some abused the privilege, and he got rid of them.

The Virginia Stars

Rick Barry Forward No. 24 5th Year
Miami (Fla.) 26 6-7½ 215 Roselle Park, N.J.

Finished second in scoring and free throw shooting... was first team all-league selection for second time... underwent two knee operations in a year, yet finished with 27.7 scoring average and went on to outscore everyone in the playoffs with a 40.1 mark... scored 52 points in one playoff game against Denver Rockets... has led both leagues in scoring, winning NBA title with San Francisco Warriors in 1967 with 35.6 average... bitter about not being able to return to that team... somewhat spoiled... complains to referees a lot.

Doug Moe Forward No. _____ 4th Year
North Carolina 31 6-6 220 Chapel Hill, N.C.

Has played in mid-season all-star game three years in row... played for this team when it operated out of Oakland and won ABA title two years ago... was leader of Buccaneers in first year when they won Western title... "Doug's the all-around player we need," says Coach Bianchi. "He's smart, been around and knows his way in the league"... averaged 17.3 points as Cougars' second best scorer last season... was among league-leaders in assists... described by Carolina coach Bones McKinney as "an exceptional hustler, who has the knack of being in the right place at the right time."

Mike Barrett Guard No. 20 2nd Year
West Virginia Tech 27 6-2 160 Richwood West Va.

Always considered too skinny and too fragile... given a chance last season he proved he could play with the big boys... made all-rookie team... he's a strong shooter and has the stamina to survive pro schedule... defensively he has trouble in physical battles and needs work in that area... was amateur star for several years.

Larry Brown Guard No. 11 5th Year
North Carolina 30 5-9 160 Brooklyn, N.Y.

Smallest player in the league, but one of its smartest

operators... has led league in play-making all three seasons... superb free-throw shooter and will get into double figures most of the time... college teammate of Doug Moe's and also teamed up with him in New Orleans and Oakland in ABA's first two seasons... they know how to work together and this will be a plus for Squires.

Frank Card Forward No. 34 3rd Year
South Carolina St. 25 6-7 195 Philadelphia

Came to club last year in three-way trade that sent Doug Moe back home to native diggings to play for Cougars, as he requested... Now Squires have both up front and it gives them depth at position... got chance to play with Warren Armstrong and George Carter out for long periods with injuries... played two years in Eastern League before joining ABA two years ago... excellent rebounder who can jump sky high... spends his summers playing in Philadelphia's Baker League against top pro competitors.

George Carter Forward No. 40 3rd Year
St. Bonaventure 26 6-5 215 Buffalo, N.Y.

Played briefly with Detroit Pistons in 1967-68 season before being called into military service... surprise for Squires last season... did dependable job... considered excellent driver with good shot from the corner... led Bonnies for three years in scoring and rebounding when they were nationally ranked college power.

Henry Logan Guard No. 12 3rd Year
Western Carolina 24 6-0 185 Asheville, N.C.

Missed much of last season with knee injury... exciting, dramatic player who does strange things in mid-air... ball-handler supreme and steals ball a lot from opposing players... three time Little All-America and won nation's small college scoring championship in 1968 with 36.2 average.

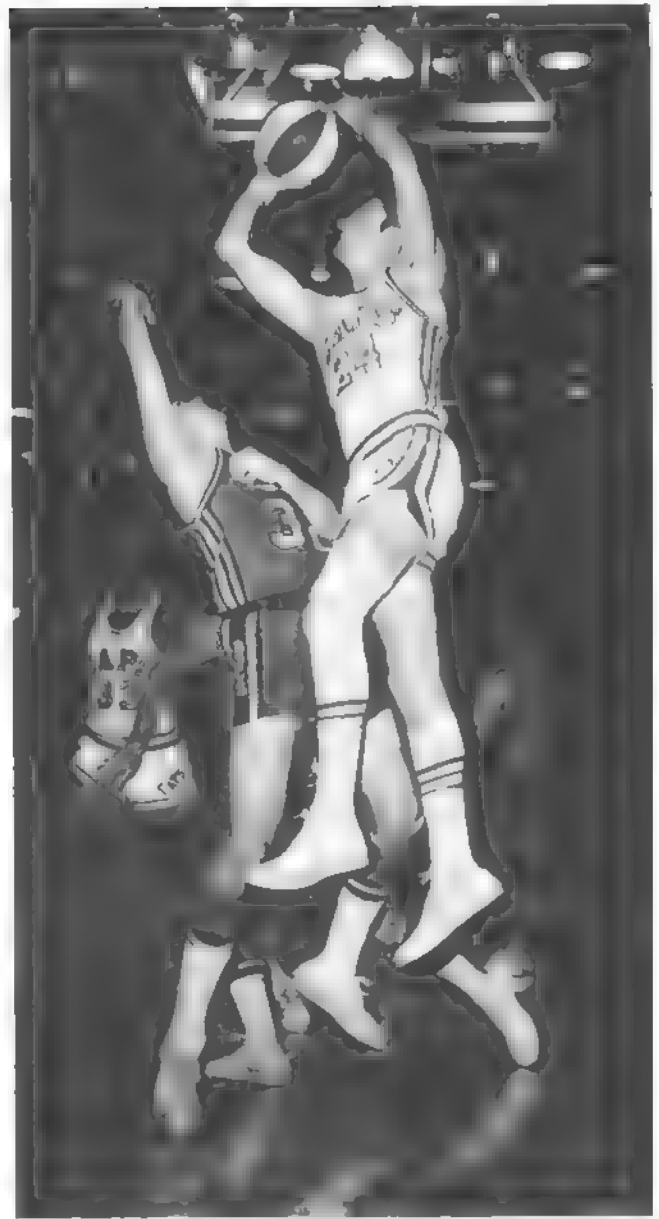
Top Rookies

Charlie Scott Guard-Forward 1st Year
North Carolina 23 6-5 175 New York City

Considered outstanding "middle-sized" senior in collegiate ranks last season... may be best ABA rookie... signed multi-million dollar contract... "He's so quick and jumps so high," said Red Auerbach of Boston Celtics... "He's a picture player and a great shot," said Lou Carnesrcca, now coaching the Nets... named to numerous All-America teams, he was leading scorer in Atlantic Coast Conference with 27.1 average... plans on attending law school while playing for Squires

George Irvine Forward 1st Year
U. of Washington 21 6-6 200 Seattle, Wash.

Team's third round pick... "He's a good shot, a rugged player, and can really play defense," notes Coach Al Bianchi, who had opportunity to watch Irvine for two years when he coached Seattle Supersonics... led team in scoring his senior season with 20 point average, making 58 per cent of his field goals and 80 per cent of his free throws, while averaging eight rebounds



Ace cornermen for the newly named Squires: left, the great Rick Barry, first big star to defect from the NBA; right, Frank Card, a 6-7 jumping jack and fine relief man.

Squires Past Performance Chart

Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB	Year	Finished	Won	Lost	GB
1969-70	3rd	44	40	7	1967-68	5th	22	56	26
1968-69	1st	60	18	—					

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1969-70	.....Rick Barry	.....27.7
1968-69	.....Rick Barry	.....34.0
1967-68	.....Levern Tart	.....26.9

Assists

1969-70	.....Larry Brown	.....7.1
1968-69	.....Larry Brown	.....7.1
1967-68	.....Barry Leibowitz	.....3.7

Rebounding

1969-70	.....Ira Harge	.....14.0
1968-69	.....Ira Harge	.....10.5
1967-68	.....Ira Harge	.....12.7

Three-Pointers

1969-70	.....Mike Barrett	.....62-180 (34%)
1968-69	.....Warren Armstrong	.....11-44 (25%)
1967-68	.....Steve Jones	.....23-54 (43%)

NATIONAL TV COVERAGE

The pro basketball boom is on, and to meet the demands of the watch-at-home buffs, both the American Broadcasting Company and the Columbia Broadcasting System are expanding their TV coverage of the 1970-71 season's action.

The ABC-TV feature *NBA Basketball* will have a minimum of 28 games on the tube, a sizeable increase over last season's 18. Several of these games will be seen during prime-time evening hours rather than only on weekends as was the case previously.

As of this writing, the CBS package for the young ABA was not quite as ambitious, though it represents an advancement for the league. CBS plans to televise nationally a minimum of two regular season games (opposed to none last year). They'll be on the air sometime after January when the

network's pro football telecasts are completed. CBS-TV will also carry about six ABA playoff games plus the league's All-Star Game, and may extend its coverage still further if it proves popular.

In addition, local TV channels and regional networks will offer many road games of individual teams; a few representative schedules will be found inside the cover of this book.

What's it all mean? For the 28 teams in the two leagues, greater exposure and an anticipated boost in the box office receipts - i.e., more fans and a demand for even more TV basketball for next season. And for fans right now, a heap of hoop goodies they don't have to pay a nickel for. Move over, football.

NBA SEASON SCHEDULE

Note: The following National Basketball Association 1970-71 playing schedule is subject to slight modifications. Due to pending league negotiations, the American Basketball Association Schedule is not available at press time.

Tue Oct 13
Boston at New York
San Diego at Chicago

Wed Oct 14
San Diego at Baltimore
New York at Cincinnati
Detroit at Seattle
Cleveland at Buffalo
Chicago at Philadelphia

Thu Oct 15
Boston at Phoenix

Fri Oct 16
San Diego at Philadelphia
Los Angeles at Chicago
Cleveland at Portland

Sat Oct 17
Los Angeles at Baltimore
Philadelphia at Cincinnati
Chicago at New York
Milwaukee at Atlanta
Detroit at Phoenix
Boston at Seattle
San Diego at Buffalo
Cleveland vs. San Francisco
at Oakland

Sun Oct 18
Boston at Portland

Tue Oct 20
San Francisco at Baltimore
Milwaukee at Detroit
Los Angeles at New York
Philadelphia at Buffalo
Cleveland at Portland
Phoenix at San Diego

Wed Oct 21
Detroit at Boston
Baltimore at Cincinnati
Los Angeles at Philadelphia
San Francisco at Atlanta
Phoenix at Seattle

Thu Oct 22
San Francisco at New York
Atlanta at Detroit
Cleveland at San Diego

Fri Oct 23
New York at Baltimore
Cincinnati at Boston
Philadelphia at Los Angeles
Cleveland at Phoenix
Portland at Seattle

Sat Oct 24
Baltimore at Milwaukee
Cincinnati at New York
Boston at Atlanta
Philadelphia at San Diego
Portland vs. San Francisco
at Oakland
Detroit at Buffalo

Sun Oct 25
Seattle at Milwaukee
Cleveland at Los Angeles
San Diego at Phoenix
Chicago at Portland

Mon Oct 26
Seattle at Detroit
Atlanta at Cincinnati

Tue Oct 27
San Diego at Milwaukee
Seattle at New York
Buffalo at Portland

Wed Oct 28
Detroit at Baltimore
New York at Boston
Seattle at Cincinnati
Chicago at Phoenix
San Diego at Cleveland
Philadelphia vs. San Francisco
at Oakland

Thu Oct 29
San Diego at New York

Fri Oct 30
Phoenix at Boston
Baltimore at Philadelphia
Buffalo at Los Angeles
Chicago at San Francisco
Cincinnati at Cleveland
Seattle at Portland

Sat Oct 31
Phoenix at Baltimore
Milwaukee at Cincinnati
Detroit at New York
San Diego at Atlanta
Chicago at Seattle
Buffalo at Portland
Boston at Philadelphia

Sun Nov 1
Atlanta at Cleveland

Mon Nov 2
Cleveland at Philadelphia
Buffalo at Phoenix
New York vs. San Francisco
at Oakland

Tue Nov 3
Cincinnati at Detroit
Seattle at Chicago
Los Angeles at Portland

Wed Nov 4
Philadelphia at Boston
Phoenix at Cincinnati
Detroit at Atlanta
New York at San Diego
Seattle at Buffalo
Milwaukee at Cleveland
Baltimore at San Francisco

Thu Nov 5
Buffalo at Detroit
Baltimore at Portland

Fri Nov 6
Seattle at Boston
Atlanta at Philadelphia
Phoenix at Chicago
New York at Los Angeles
Baltimore at San Diego
San Francisco at Portland

Sat Nov 7
Boston at Cincinnati
Seattle at Philadelphia
Phoenix at Atlanta
Detroit at Chicago
San Diego at San Francisco
Cleveland at Buffalo

Sun Nov 8
Phoenix at Milwaukee
Baltimore at Los Angeles
Seattle at Cleveland
New York at Portland

Tue Nov 10
Philadelphia at Atlanta
Los Angeles at Chicago
Cleveland at San Francisco
New York at Seattle
Cincinnati at Portland

Wed Nov 11
Philadelphia at Baltimore
Milwaukee at Boston
Los Angeles at Detroit
Portland at Phoenix
Cincinnati at San Diego
Atlanta at Buffalo

Thu Nov 12
Baltimore at New York
Cleveland at Portland
Cincinnati at San Francisco

Fri Nov 13

Atlanta at Boston
Buffalo at Philadelphia
New York at Chicago
Detroit at Los Angeles
Cincinnati at Phoenix
Cleveland at Seattle
San Francisco at San Diego

Sat Nov 14

Boston at Baltimore
Philadelphia at New York
Chicago at Atlanta
Detroit at San Diego
Milwaukee at Buffalo
Cleveland at Portland

Sun Nov 15

Baltimore at Milwaukee
Detroit at Phoenix

Mon Nov 16

San Francisco at Milwaukee
Buffalo vs. Seattle
at Portland
San Diego at Portland
Cleveland at Baltimore

Tue Nov 17

Phoenix at New York
San Francisco at Chicago
Atlanta at Los Angeles
Philadelphia at Detroit
Buffalo at Portland

Wed Nov 18

San Francisco at Boston
Chicago at Cincinnati
New York at Philadelphia
Atlanta at Portland
Milwaukee at San Diego
Baltimore at Cleveland

Thu Nov 19

Phoenix at Detroit
Cincinnati at New York
Los Angeles at Seattle

Fri Nov 20

Phoenix at Baltimore
Cleveland at Boston
Detroit at Philadelphia
Milwaukee at Los Angeles
Seattle at San Diego
Buffalo at San Francisco

Sat Nov 21

Detroit at Cincinnati
Cleveland at New York
Baltimore at Atlanta
Boston at Chicago
Milwaukee at San Francisco
Phoenix at Philadelphia
Buffalo vs. Portland
at Seattle
San Diego at Seattle

Sun Nov 22

Seattle at Los Angeles
Phoenix at Cleveland
Milwaukee at Portland
Philadelphia at Atlanta

Tue Nov 24

Portland at Baltimore
San Diego at Detroit
Atlanta at New York
San Francisco at Philadelphia
Milwaukee at Chicago
Phoenix at Buffalo

Wed Nov 25

Buffalo vs. Philadelphia
at Boston
Portland at Boston
San Diego at Cincinnati
Detroit at Milwaukee
New York at Atlanta
San Francisco at Cleveland

Thu Nov 26

Seattle at Phoenix

Fri Nov 27

Baltimore at Boston
New York at Milwaukee
Cincinnati at Philadelphia
Buffalo at Chicago
Phoenix at Los Angeles
Atlanta at San Diego
San Francisco at Seattle
Portland at Cleveland

Sat Nov 28

Chicago at Baltimore
Cleveland at Cincinnati
Boston at Detroit
Milwaukee at New York
San Diego at Phoenix
Los Angeles vs. San Francisco
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Portland at Buffalo

Sun Nov 29

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San Diego at Los Angeles
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Buffalo vs. Boston
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Atlanta at San Francisco
Boston at Buffalo
San Diego at Portland

Wed Dec 2

Los Angeles at Boston
Seattle at Cincinnati
New York at Detroit
Atlanta at Phoenix

Thu Dec 3

Chicago at Milwaukee

Fri Dec 4

Seattle at Baltimore
Chicago at Detroit
Philadelphia at Milwaukee
San Francisco at Los Angeles
New York at Buffalo
Boston at Cleveland
Phoenix at Portland

Sat Dec 5

Philadelphia at Cincinnati
Buffalo at New York
Seattle at Atlanta
Boston at Chicago
Los Angeles at San Diego
Phoenix vs. San Francisco
at Oakland

Sun Dec 6

Portland at Los Angeles
Buffalo at Cleveland
Cincinnati at Baltimore
San Diego at Phoenix

Mon Dec 7

San Francisco vs. Cincinnati
at Omaha

Tue Dec 8

Atlanta at Milwaukee
Portland at New York
Boston at Buffalo
Seattle at Philadelphia
San Francisco at Chicago
Los Angeles at Phoenix

Wed Dec 9

Milwaukee at Baltimore
Seattle at Boston
Atlanta at Cincinnati
San Francisco at Detroit
Portland at Cleveland

Thu Dec 10

Chicago vs. Buffalo
at Syracuse

Fri Dec 11

Detroit at Boston
Cleveland at Milwaukee
San Francisco at Philadelphia
Atlanta at Chicago
Phoenix at San Diego
Los Angeles at Seattle
Portland at Buffalo

Sat Dec 12

San Francisco at Baltimore
Cleveland at Cincinnati
Buffalo at Detroit
Philadelphia at New York
Portland at Atlanta
San Diego at Chicago
Milwaukee at Phoenix

Sun Dec 13

Detroit at Los Angeles
Milwaukee at Seattle
San Diego at Cleveland
Buffalo at Atlanta
New York vs. San Francisco
at St. Louis

Tue Dec 15

Cleveland at New York
San Diego at Philadelphia
Baltimore at Chicago
San Francisco at Phoenix
Los Angeles at Buffalo
Detroit at Portland

Wed Dec 16

Los Angeles at Cincinnati
San Diego at Atlanta
New York at Cleveland
Seattle at San Francisco

Thu Dec 17

Buffalo at Boston
Detroit at Phoenix
Philadelphia at Seattle

Thu Dec 17

Boston at Milwaukee
Cincinnati at Chicago
Portland vs. San Francisco
at San Diego
Detroit at San Diego
Atlanta vs. Baltimore
at College Park, Maryland
Cleveland at Buffalo

Sat Dec 19

Boston at Baltimore
Milwaukee at Cincinnati
Chicago at New York
Los Angeles at Atlanta
Portland vs. San Diego
at Oakland
Philadelphia vs. San Francisco
at Oakland
Phoenix at Seattle
Buffalo at Cleveland

Sun Dec 20

Buffalo at Milwaukee
New York at Phoenix
San Diego at Seattle
Philadelphia at Portland
Detroit vs. Cincinnati
at Omaha
Chicago at Cleveland

Mon Dec 21

Los Angeles at Milwaukee

Tue Dec 22

Atlanta at Los Angeles
Philadelphia at Phoenix
Boston at San Francisco
New York at Seattle
Cleveland at Chicago

Wed Dec 32

Chicago at Baltimore
Cleveland at Cincinnati
Buffalo at New York
Detroit at Philadelphia
Boston at Los Angeles
Atlanta at Phoenix - aft

Wed Dec 23

San Francisco at Milwaukee
Cincinnati at Atlanta
Detroit at Chicago
Portland at Phoenix
Boston at Seattle
Buffalo at Cleveland

Sun Dec 27

Buffalo at Philadelphia
Phoenix at Los Angeles
Chicago at San Diego
Boston at Portland
Philadelphia at Cleveland
Baltimore at New York

Mon Dec 28

San Francisco at Atlanta
Cincinnati vs. Milwaukee
at Madison, Wisconsin

Tue Dec 29

Atlanta at Detroit
Chicago at Los Angeles
Boston at San Diego
Philadelphia at Buffalo
Milwaukee at Cleveland

Wed Dec 30

Buffalo vs. Baltimore
at College Park, Maryland
Detroit at Cincinnati
San Francisco at New York
Milwaukee at Philadelphia
Los Angeles at Phoenix
Chicago at Seattle

Thu Dec 31

San Francisco at Boston-aft
Cleveland at Atlanta

Fri Jan 1

San Diego at Los Angeles
Portland at Seattle
Baltimore at Cleveland

Sat Jan 2

Cleveland at Milwaukee
Atlanta at New York
Los Angeles at San Diego
Phoenix at San Francisco
Chicago at Portland
Cincinnati at Buffalo
Boston at Philadelphia
Baltimore at Detroit

Sun Jan 3

Boston at Atlanta
San Francisco at Phoenix

Mon Jan 4

Seattle at Milwaukee
Portland at Cleveland

Tue Jan 5

Seattle at Baltimore
Portland vs. Boston
at Philadelphia
San Francisco at Philadelphia
Detroit at Atlanta
San Diego at Chicago
Los Angeles vs. Cincinnati
at Omaha

Wed Jan 6

Seattle at Boston
Portland at Cincinnati
San Diego at Detroit
San Francisco at Buffalo
New York at Cleveland
Chicago vs. Milwaukee
at Madison, Wisconsin

Thu Jan 7

New York at Milwaukee
Baltimore at Atlanta
Los Angeles at Cleveland

Fri Jan 8

Atlanta at Baltimore
Phoenix at Boston
Cincinnati at Detroit
Los Angeles at Philadelphia
San Francisco at San Diego
Seattle at Buffalo
Portland at Chicago

Sat Jan 9

Seattle at Cincinnati
Detroit at Milwaukee - aft
Phoenix at Philadelphia
San Diego vs. San Francisco
at Oakland
New York at Portland
Buffalo at Cleveland - aft

Sun Jan 10

Philadelphia at Boston
Los Angeles at Detroit
Baltimore at Milwaukee
Phoenix at Atlanta
Buffalo at Chicago

Tue Jan 12

EAST-WEST ALL-STAR GAME
at SAN DIEGO

Thu Jan 14

Cleveland at Detroit
New York at Phoenix
Baltimore at Seattle
Los Angeles vs. Cincinnati
at Toronto
Philadelphia at Chicago
Portland vs. Buffalo
at Rochester

Fri Jan 15

Atlanta at Boston
Cincinnati at Milwaukee
Chicago at Philadelphia
Baltimore at San Diego
Detroit at Buffalo
Sat Jan 16
Buffalo at Cincinnati
Boston at Detroit
Cleveland at Philadelphia
Los Angeles at Atlanta
Milwaukee at Chicago
Baltimore at Phoenix
New York vs. San Francisco
at Oakland

Sun Jan 17

Boston at Milwaukee
Philadelphia at San Diego
Baltimore at Seattle

Mon Jan 18

Phoenix vs. Cincinnati
at Omaha
Atlanta at Buffalo

Tue Jan 19

Seattle at Detroit
San Diego at New York
Portland at Chicago
Philadelphia at Los Angeles
Cincinnati vs. San Francisco
at Oakland
Cleveland vs. Buffalo
at Syracuse

Wed Jan 20

Milwaukee at Baltimore
San Diego at Boston
Seattle at Atlanta
Cincinnati at Phoenix
New York at Chicago
Portland at Buffalo

Fri Jan 22

Baltimore at Boston
Portland at Detroit
Atlanta at Milwaukee
San Francisco at Los Angeles
Philadelphia at Phoenix
Cincinnati at Seattle
San Diego at Buffalo

Sat Jan 23

San Diego at Baltimore
Portland at Milwaukee-aft
Boston at New York
Chicago at San Francisco

Sun Jan 24

Cleveland at Boston
New York at Detroit
Milwaukee at Atlanta
Cincinnati at Los Angeles
Chicago at Phoenix
Philadelphia at Seattle
Portland at Buffalo

Mon Jan 25

Boston at Cleveland
Buffalo at San Diego

Tue Jan 26

San Francisco at Baltimore
Milwaukee at New York
Chicago at Los Angeles
Buffalo at Phoenix
Atlanta at Philadelphia
Wed Jan 27
Milwaukee at Boston
Baltimore at Cincinnati
San Francisco at Detroit
New York at Atlanta
Chicago at San Diego
Portland at Cleveland

Thu Jan 28

Los Angeles at Phoenix
Buffalo at Seattle

Fri Jan 29

Cincinnati at Baltimore
New York at Boston
San Diego at Detroit
Milwaukee at Philadelphia
Seattle at Los Angeles
Buffalo at San Francisco
Cleveland at Atlanta
Phoenix at Portland

Sat Jan 30

San Diego at Cincinnati
Philadelphia at New York
Seattle at Phoenix
Los Angeles vs. San Francisco
at Oakland

Sun Jan 31

New York vs. Baltimore
at College Park, Maryland
Philadelphia at Boston
Detroit vs. Milwaukee
at Madison, Wisconsin
San Diego at Atlanta
Portland at Los Angeles
Buffalo at Cleveland
Cincinnati at Chicago

Tue Feb 2

Baltimore at Detroit
Cincinnati at New York
San Diego at Los Angeles
Atlanta at San Francisco
Cleveland vs. Buffalo
at Rochester
Milwaukee at Chicago
Boston at Philadelphia
Seattle at Chicago

Wed Feb 3

Chicago at Baltimore
Seattle at Cleveland
Milwaukee at San Diego
Boston at Cincinnati

Thu Feb 4

San Francisco at Phoenix
Atlanta at Portland

Fri Feb 5

Cincinnati at Boston
 New York at Detroit
 Philadelphia at Chicago
 Milwaukee at Los Angeles
 Cleveland at San Diego
 Atlanta at Seattle
 Baltimore at Buffalo
 San Francisco at Portland

Sat Feb 6

Philadelphia at Cincinnati
 Chicago at New York
 Cleveland at Phoenix
 Los Angeles at San Diego
 Milwaukee vs. San Francisco
 at Oakland

Sun Feb 7

Detroit at Baltimore
 Chicago at Boston
 Cincinnati at Atlanta
 San Francisco at Los Angeles
 San Diego at Seattle
 New York at Philadelphia
 Cleveland at Portland

Mon Feb 8

Phoenix at Milwaukee

Tue Feb 9

Phoenix at Baltimore
 Milwaukee at Detroit
 Atlanta at New York
 Seattle at San Diego
 Los Angeles at Cleveland
 Boston at Chicago

Wed Feb 10

Boston at Atlanta
 New York at Buffalo
 Seattle at San Francisco

Thu Feb 11

Los Angeles at Milwaukee
 San Francisco at San Diego
 Cincinnati at Seattle

Sun Feb 12

Boston at Baltimore
 Philadelphia at Detroit
 New York at Atlanta
 Los Angeles at Chicago
 Cincinnati at San Francisco
 Phoenix at Cleveland
 Seattle at Portland

Sat Feb 13

Chicago at Milwaukee - aft
 Phoenix at New York
 Cincinnati at San Diego
 Buffalo at Cleveland - aft

Sun Feb 14

Philadelphia vs. Baltimore
 at College Park, Md.
 Boston at Detroit
 Milwaukee at Atlanta
 Cincinnati at Los Angeles
 San Francisco at Seattle
 Phoenix at Buffalo
 Cleveland at Chicago

Tue Feb 16

Phoenix at Boston - aft
 Baltimore at Detroit
 Atlanta at Chicago
 New York at Los Angeles
 Milwaukee at Buffalo
 Cincinnati vs. Portland
 at Eugene, Oregon

Wed Feb 17

Buffalo at Baltimore
 Philadelphia vs. Milwaukee
 at Madison, Wisconsin
 Cincinnati at Phoenix
 Boston vs. San Francisco
 at Oakland
 Chicago at Cleveland
 Portland at Seattle

Thu Feb 18

New York at San Diego
 Los Angeles at Portland

Fri Feb 19

Detroit at Chicago
 Philadelphia at Los Angeles
 Boston at Phoenix
 Milwaukee at Seattle
 Cincinnati at Cleveland
 Baltimore at Buffalo
 San Diego at San Francisco

Sat Feb 20

Atlanta at Baltimore
 Detroit at New York
 Boston at San Diego
 Milwaukee at San Francisco
 Philadelphia at Portland
 Buffalo at Cincinnati

Sun Feb 21

Chicago at Detroit
 Baltimore at Atlanta
 Boston at Los Angeles
 Milwaukee at Phoenix
 Philadelphia at Seattle
 Cleveland at Portland

Mon Feb 22

San Francisco at Buffalo

Tue Feb 23

Los Angeles at Baltimore
 San Francisco at Milwaukee
 San Diego at New York
 Portland at Philadelphia

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 San Francisco at Detroit
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 Cleveland at Seattle
 Portland at Atlanta

Fri Feb 26

Portland at Baltimore
 Atlanta at Boston
 Detroit at Buffalo
 Cincinnati at Milwaukee
 Phoenix at Philadelphia
 Seattle at Los Angeles

Sat Feb 27

Phoenix at Detroit
 Portland at New York
 Los Angeles at San Francisco
 Chicago at Seattle
 Buffalo at Atlanta

Sun Feb 28

New York at Baltimore
 Milwaukee at Boston
 Cincinnati at Philadelphia
 Detroit at Atlanta
 Cleveland at Los Angeles

Mon Mar 1

Chicago vs. Cincinnati
 at Las Cruces, N.M.
 Philadelphia at Milwaukee

Tue Mar 2

Portland at Detroit
 Baltimore at New York
 San Diego at Philadelphia
 Atlanta at Seattle
 Los Angeles at Buffalo

Wed Mar 3

Cincinnati at Baltimore
 Portland vs. Philadelphia
 at Boston
 San Diego at Boston
 Los Angeles at Milwaukee
 Chicago at Phoenix
 Atlanta vs. San Francisco
 at Oakland

Thu Mar 4

Buffalo at Milwaukee

Fri Mar 5

Milwaukee at Detroit
 New York at Philadelphia
 Atlanta at Los Angeles
 Chicago vs. San Francisco
 at San Diego
 Seattle at San Diego
 Portland vs. Cincinnati
 at Omaha

Sat Mar 6

Cleveland at Buffalo
 Boston at New York
 Detroit at Philadelphia
 Chicago vs. San Diego
 at Oakland
 Baltimore vs. San Francisco
 at Oakland
 Los Angeles at Seattle

Sun Mar 7

New York at Boston
 Cleveland at Detroit
 Cincinnati at Atlanta
 Chicago at Los Angeles
 Baltimore at Phoenix
 Portland at San Diego

Mon Mar 8

Seattle at Milwaukee
 Buffalo at Portland

Tue Mar 9

Phoenix at Detroit
 Seattle at New York
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 at Oakland
 Philadelphia at Cleveland

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New York at Cincinnati
 Phoenix at Atlanta

Thu Mar 11

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 Milwaukee at Phoenix
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 Milwaukee at Seattle
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COACH RED HOLZMAN'S DREAM TEAM



"I'd love to have a team like mine play like the Knicks," said Lou Carnesecca, who comes to the pro ranks this year to coach the ABA's New York Nets. "Every night last season the Knicks were conducting a clinic out there on the floor."

Carnesecca coached at St. John's University and learned the game from a man named Joe Lapchick, who coached the Knicks during their less fortunate days. Lapchick, before his death this summer, had been an authority on the sport for half a century; he too rated the current New York club all-time No. 1, saying of them last winter: "This is the greatest basketball team I have ever seen."

All experts agree that the Knicks' outstanding asset is their superb teamwork. Coach William (Red) Holzman is credited with fostering a unity on his club that is the envy of every coach in the business.

Though each Knick starter is a standout in his own right, this team jells — into something as beautiful as one can ever expect to find in sports.

Consider center Willis Reed, the league's MVP, and forwards Bill Bradley and Dave DeBusschere, and guards Dick Barnett and Walt Frazier. And consider the Knick reserves — Cazzie Russell, Dave Stallworth, Mike Riordan, et al, ever ready to complete the kill.

They scorch you with their starting five and then fry you with their bench.

This reporter believes these are really the men in Holzman's dream team, though Red, for very good and professional reasons, won't say so. The unselfish Frazier, frisking the opposition of the ball, directing the attack, and scoring when the offense really needs a helping hand. Reed, in his natural place at center after playing forward in earlier seasons, the kingpin. Last season, the Knicks could run more fast breaks than possibly any team before them, busts outs triggered by Dave DeBusschere's rebounding and passing; and they could play more aggressive defense knowing that Dave would always be making things more miserable for the other team's highest-scoring forward.

The other forward, Bill Bradley, who works on his shooting, passing, and moving without the ball, and watches the mannerisms of the opposition. Barnett, the wise old man, always in the midst of the action — playing defense as well as

offense and lending his ten years of experience to inspire the enthusiasm of the younger stars.

This is the team whose splendor flitted through sports-writer Stan Isaac's mind in this poetic manner: "Frazier turning, Reed sweeping across the foul lanes like a big bird; Bradley finger-tip flicking passes in the midst of hurly-burly; Dave D. hitting from the corner, Barnett jumping up, kicking his heels back like a girl and swishing the cords. Noise, glee, tumult in the arena. . ."

The Knicks, under Holzman, stress fundamentals: moving without the ball, hitting the open man, helping each other out on defense. Last season, Bill Bradley tried to explain the team's magic. "It's not a new game we've invented," he said, "but a practical application of how basketball should be played."

Yes, the Knicks were truly magnificent last year. But in a midsummer night's dream can a coach like Holzman let his mind wander and come up with a team that might be *better* than the Knicks? If Red could take his pick of all players in pro basketball to come up with the greatest team one could possibly put together, whom would he select? It's a pity that Holzman is a man *not* given to dreaming. He's too down-to-earth.

"When I retire I'll give it to you," Red remarked. "I'm not going to leave anyone off while I still have to play against them."

But though the Knick coach refused to name names, he did give this reporter an insight into what one would look for in putting together the best possible team.

"In the pro game," said Holzman, "a ballplayer should be able to do quite a bit of things. One may be better at one phase over another, but just because a guy is a helluva shooter doesn't mean he shouldn't play defense."

"I try to get five guys to do things together on offense and defense," he said. "It's as simple or as complex as that."

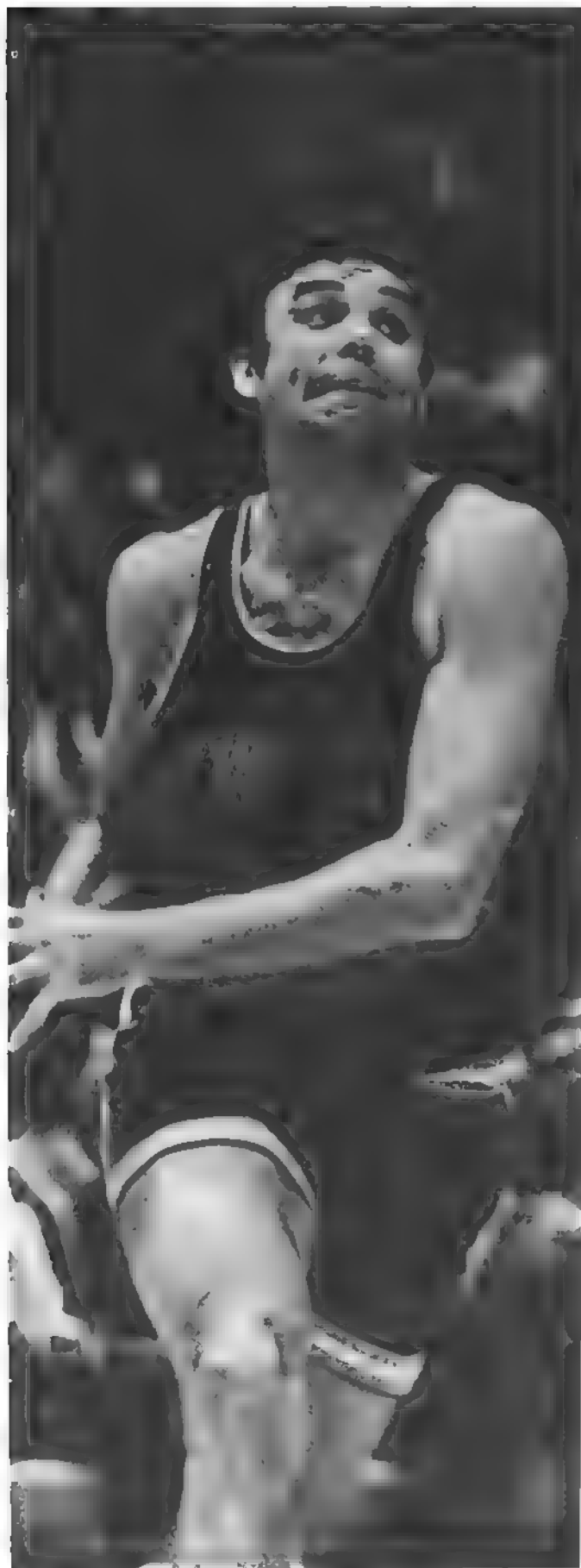
Holzman sees a coaching trend today in working one big forward with one a shade smaller. His comment: "If one guy's bigger and can do the same things as a smaller man maybe he's better in the long run. If you can get two forwards who are 6-10 they should do a better job rebounding. But will they?"

"The most important thing to me — regardless of size — is how the forwards play *together*. They should complement each other. And the guys on the bench should complement them. The Knicks did well last year because we had individual talents that meshed. A lot of guys sacrificed. Maybe it was in them to sacrifice because that's the kind of people they are. Maybe I was just lucky to have them."

Move by move, shot by shot, there are certainly better ballplayers in the NBA than those comprising the champion Knicks. If you could put five, six or seven of them on the same dream team who would *you* choose? While Holzman wouldn't mention any by name, six other NBA coaches, under the promise that their names would be withheld — aren't they all so secretive? — selected the following five, with certain reservations.

At the pivot, the most important position of all to a pro team's success, they would want Wilt Chamberlain — a healthy Chamberlain, however, playing to his potential. The Lakers' big man is the most dynamic force ever to enter the





Dave DeBusschere on a typical drive: "What you could use for a dream team is Dave's guts," says one coach.

pro ranks. He is its all-time greatest scorer and rebounder.

Otherwise the choice at center would be Willis Reed, the best shotmaker at the position. "He does everything that has to be done," says Red Auerbach of the Boston Celtics. "He rebounds. He passes. He shoots. And he's a leader, natural-born." A leader. Now really, wouldn't that be Holzman's or any coach's dream?

Lew Alcindor has a lot to learn, but the Milwaukee Bucks' big man might be better than Chamberlain and Reed before long. He should dominate the game the way Wilt once did. Lew doesn't have Wilt's great strength, but he has more finesse. So the coaches — and many players — believe.

But there are dissenters. "You wouldn't want to walk up and challenge Wilt because your first thought is that he would kill you," said Guy Rodgers, who has passed the ball to both. "Lew scares you in a basketball sense, but not in a physical sense, not in a sense of challenging your well being."

Everyone agrees that the finest forward in the pro ranks is Billy Cunningham of the Philadelphia 76ers. He has combined the best of jumping and shooting ability with a ton of aggressiveness and grit to get where he is today.

The other forward should be Connie Hawkins of the Phoenix Suns, certainly the most talented of the tall cornermen, though there is still a question about his defense.

Too many years of playing against weaker opposition has spoiled The Hawk. He never had to work on defense, and everything else just came naturally.

One keeps getting pulled magnetically to the fact that a coach might get a better team together by drawing on forward Dave DeBusschere's belly for any given game. The Knicks' cornerman is a rugged 6-6 and he gets the best of compliments from Bill Bridges of the Atlanta Hawks, who might be a good back-up man on a dream team.

"There's not one other guy in this league who gives the 100 per cent DeBusschere does every night, every game of the season at both ends of the court."

Still, if Connie Hawkins' confidence is bolstered by a fine first year in the NBA, he might play up to potential this time around and put everyone to shame.

In the backcourt the coaches' nods go to Jerry West of the Lakers and Oscar Robertson of the Bucks, recognized as the two greatest guards in the game over the last decade of play. Both are complete players, perhaps in that respect the best ever to perform in the NBA. They can kill you with jumpers, drive to the boards and go by you, hit the open man, and stick to you like fly-paper when you're on offense.

"Maybe you wouldn't take them now because of their age," said one NBA coach, "not if you wanted to build a dynasty from scratch. Maybe then you'd go for Walt Frazier of the Knicks — though he'd always leave something to be desired on offense as compared to Robertson — and maybe Pete Maravich of the Hawks. They're young and they have such great potential."

And for reserves, the picks would be a pair of swing men who can play either in the front court or the back court and they'd be the relentless runners, John Havlicek of the Boston Celtics and Joe Caldwell of the Atlanta Hawks, who are matched against each other when their teams meet.

They can jump and score and run and rebound, and they can come off the bench and get going instantly. From then on it's non-stop all the way. Havlicek and Caldwell simply wear out the opposition.

It's some team. Red Holzman probably wouldn't exchange any of his Knicks for the players suggested, but it's a club to dream about. Any drawbacks? "Too much talent can be a problem," said an NBA coach, voicing what we take to be the reticent Holzman's own opinion. "It can be a problem if you don't get stars pushing for the same thing. Because if you don't, the best of dream teams could turn out to be a nightmare."



The Big O, now a Buck: despite his age, Robertson may still be "one of two greatest guards" in the game.

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ATLANTA	G	Min- utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re- bnd	As- sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
L.Hudson	80	3091	830-1564	.531	371-450	.824	373	276	225-1	2031	25.4
J.Caldwell	82	2857	674-1329	.507	379-551	.688	407	287	255-3	1727	21.1
W.Hazzard	82	2757	493-1056	.467	267-330	.809	329	561	264-3	1253	15.3
B.Bridges	82	3269	443-932	.475	331-451	.734	1181	345	292-6	1217	14.8
J.Davis	82	2623	438-943	.464	240-318	.755	796	238	335-5	1116	13.6
W.Bellamy***	79	2028	351-671	.523	215-373	.576	707	143	260-5	917	11.6
W.Bellamy**	23	855	141-287	.491	75-124	.605	310	88	97-2	357	15.5
G.Gregor	81	1603	286-661	.433	88-113	.779	397	63	159-5	660	8.1
A.Beard	72	941	183-392	.467	135-163	.828	140	121	124-0	501	7.0
D.Ohl	66	984	176-372	.473	58-72	.806	71	98	113-1	410	6.2
D.Newmark	64	612	127-296	.429	59-77	.766	174	42	128-3	313	4.9
G.O'Malley	24	113	21-60	.350	8-19	.421	26	10	12-0	50	2.1
G.Tormohlen	2	11	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	4	1	3-0	4	2.0
R.Guerin	8	64	3-11	.273	1-1	1.000	2	12	9-0	7	0.9

BALTIMORE	G	Min- utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re- bnd	As- sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
E.Monroe	82	3051	695-1557	.446	532-641	.830	257	402	258-3	1922	23.4
K.Loughery	55	2037	477-1082	.441	253-298	.849	168	292	183-3	1207	21.9
J.Marin	82	2947	666-1363	.489	286-339	.844	537	217	248-6	1618	19.7
G.Johnson	78	2919	578-1282	.451	197-272	.724	1086	264	269-6	1353	17.3
W.Unseld	82	3234	526-1015	.518	273-428	.638	1370	291	250-2	1325	16.2
E.Miles***	47	1295	238-541	.440	133-175	.760	177	86	107-0	609	13.0
E.Miles**	3	52	7-10	.700	3-5	.600	4	4	8-0	17	5.7
M.Davis	56	1330	260-586	.444	149-192	.776	128	111	174-1	669	12.0
R.Scott	73	1393	257-605	.425	139-173	.803	457	114	147-0	653	8.9
L.Ellis	72	1163	194-414	.469	86-116	.741	376	47	129-0	474	6.6
A.Tucker***	61	819	146-285	.512	70-87	.805	166	38	86-0	362	5.9
A.Tucker**	28	262	49-96	.510	33-42	.786	53	7	34-0	131	4.7
F.Carter	76	1219	157-439	.358	80-116	.690	192	121	137-0	394	5.2
B.Quick	15	67	14-28	.500	12-18	.667	12	3	9-0	40	2.7
E.Manning	29	161	32-66	.485	5-8	.625	35	2	33-0	69	2.4
B.Heaney	14	70	13-24	.542	2-4	.500	4	6	17-0	28	2.0

BOSTON	G	Min- utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re- bnd	As- sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
J.Havlicek	81	3369	736-1585	.464	488-578	.844	635	550	211-1	1960	24.2
D.Nelson	82	2224	461-920	.501	337-435	.775	601	148	238-3	1259	15.4
L.Siegfried	78	2081	382-902	.424	220-257	.856	212	299	187-2	984	12.6
B.Howell	82	2078	399-931	.429	235-308	.763	550	120	261-4	1033	12.6
J.White	60	1328	309-684	.452	111-135	.822	169	145	132-1	729	12.2
T.Sanders	57	1616	246-555	.443	161-183	.880	314	92	199-5	653	11.5
H.Finkel	80	1866	310-683	.454	156-233	.670	613	103	292-13	776	9.7
E.Bryant	71	1617	210-520	.404	135-181	.746	269	231	201-5	555	7.8
S.Kuberski	51	797	130-335	.388	64-92	.696	257	29	87-0	324	6.4
J.Barnes	77	1049	178-434	.410	95-128	.742	350	52	229-4	451	5.9
R.Johnson	65	898	167-361	.411	46-70	.657	208	32	155-3	380	5.8
D.Chaney	63	839	115-320	.359	82-109	.752	152	72	118-0	312	5.0
R.Nieman	6	18	2-5	.400	2-2	1.000	6	2	10-0	8	1.0

PLAYER RECORDS

CHICAGO	G	Min- utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re- bnd	As- sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
C.Walker	78	2726	596-1249	.477	483-568	.850	604	192	203-1	1675	21.5
B.Love	82	3123	640-1373	.466	442-525	.842	712	148	260-2	1722	21.0
C.Haskins	82	3214	668-1486	.450	332-424	.783	378	624	237-0	1668	20.3
J.Sloan	53	1822	310-737	.421	207-318	.651	372	165	179-3	827	15.6
B.Weiss	82	2544	365-855	.427	213-253	.842	227	474	206-0	943	11.5
T.Boerwinkel	81	2335	348-775	.449	150-226	.664	1016	229	255-4	846	10.4
W.Wesley	72	1407	270-648	.417	145-219	.662	455	68	184-1	685	9.5
A.Tucker	33	557	97-189	.513	37-45	.822	113	31	52-0	231	7.0
S.Halimon	38	517	96-244	.393	49-73	.671	68	69	58-0	241	6.3
B.Kauffman	64	775	94-221	.425	88-123	.715	211	76	117-1	276	4.3
E.Manning***	67	777	119-321	.371	42-56	.750	232	36	122-1	280	4.2
E.Manning**	39	616	87-255	.341	37-48	.771	197	34	89-1	211	5.4
L.Petersen	31	231	33-90	.367	26-39	.667	26	23	22-0	92	3.0
J.Baum	3	13	3-11	.273	0-0	.000	4	0	1-0	6	2.0

CINCINNATI	G	Min- utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re- bnd	As- sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
O.Robertson	69	2865	647-1267	.511	454-561	.809	422	558	175-1	1748	25.3
T.VanArsdale	71	2544	620-1376	.451	381-492	.774	463	155	247-3	1621	22.8
C.Dierking	76	2448	521-1243	.419	230-306	.752	624	169	275-7	1272	16.7
J.Green	78	2278	481- 860	.559	254-429	.592	841	112	268-6	1216	15.6
F.Foster	74	2077	461-1026	.449	176-243	.724	310	107	209-2	1098	14.8
J.Lucas	4	118	18- 35	.514	5- 7	.714	45	9	5-0	41	10.3
N.VanLier	81	2895	302- 749	.403	166-224	.741	409	500	329-18	770	9.5
L.Rackley	66	1256	190- 423	.449	124-195	.636	378	56	204-5	504	7.6
H.Gilliam	57	1161	179- 441	.406	68- 91	.747	215	178	163-6	426	7.5
B.Turner***	72	1170	197- 468	.421	123-167	.737	304	43	193-0	517	7.2
B.Turner**	69	1095	188- 451	.417	118-157	.752	290	42	187-3	494	7.2
A.Smith	32	453	60- 148	.405	52- 60	.864	33	45	56-0	172	5.4
J.King***	34	391	53- 129	.411	33- 41	.805	62	52	47-0	139	4.1
J.King**	31	286	34- 83	.410	22- 27	.815	46	42	39-0	90	2.9
W.Anderzunas	44	370	65- 166	.392	29- 46	.630	82	9	47-1	159	3.6
B.Cousy	7	34	1- 3	.333	3- 3	1.000	5	10	11-0	5	0.7

DETROIT		G	Min- utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re- bnd	As- sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
D.Bing	70	2334	575-1295	.440	454-580	.783	299	418	196-0	1604	22.9	
J.Walker	81	2869	666-1394	.478	355-440	.807	242	248	203-4	1687	21.0	
E.Miles	44	1243	231- 531	.435	130-170	.765	173	82	99-0	592	13.5	
O.Moore	81	2523	383- 805	.476	194-305	.636	900	104	232-3	960	11.9	
T.Dischinger	75	1754	342- 650	.526	174-241	.722	369	106	213-5	858	11.4	
H.Komives	82	2418	363- 878	.413	190-234	.812	193	312	247-2	916	11.2	
H.Hairston	15	282	57- 103	.553	45- 63	.714	88	11	36-0	159	10.6	
E.Mueller***	78	2353	300- 646	.464	189-263	.719	483	205	192-0	789	10.1	
E.Mueller**	74	2284	287- 614	.467	185-254	.728	469	199	186-1	759	10.3	
W.Bellamy	56	1173	210- 384	.547	140-249	.562	397	55	163-3	560	10.0	
M.McLemore	73	1421	233- 500	.466	119-145	.821	336	83	159-3	585	8.0	
S.Mix	18	276	48- 100	.480	23- 39	.590	64	15	31-0	119	6.6	
B.Quick***	34	364	63- 139	.453	49- 71	.690	75	14	50-0	175	5.1	
B.Quick**	19	297	49- 111	.441	37- 53	.698	63	11	41-0	135	7.1	
B.Hewitt***	65	1279	110- 298	.369	54- 94	.574	356	64	130-1	274	4.2	
B.Hewitt**	45	801	85- 210	.405	38- 63	.603	213	36	91-1	208	4.6	
P.Long	25	130	28- 62	.452	27- 38	.711	11	17	22-0	83	3.3	
C.Reynolds	10	44	8- 19	.421	5- 7	.714	14	12	10-0	21	2.1	
T.Workman	2	6	0- 1	.000	0- 0	.000	0	0	1-0	0	0.0	

		Min-utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re-bnd	As-sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
LOS ANGELES		G									
J. West	74	3106	831-1673	.497	647-785	.824	338	554	160-3	2309	31.2
W Chamberlain	12	505	129- 227	.568	70-157	.446	221	49	31-0	328	27.3
E. Baylor	54	2213	511-1051	.486	276-357	.773	559	292	132-1	1298	24.0
H. Hairston***	70	2427	483- 973	.496	326-413	.789	775	121	230-9	1292	18.5
H. Hairston**	56	2145	426- 870	.490	281-350	.803	687	110	194-9	1133	21.0
M. Counts	81	2193	434-1017	.427	156-201	.776	683	160	304-7	1024	12.6
R. Garrett	73	2318	354- 816	.434	138-162	.852	235	180	236-5	846	11.6
J. Tresvant***	69	1499	264- 595	.444	206-284	.725	425	112	204-4	734	10.6
J. Tresvant**	20	221	47- 88	.534	23- 35	.657	63	17	40-0	117	5.9
K Erickson	68	1755	258- 563	.458	91-122	.746	304	209	175-3	607	8.9
R. Roberson	74	2005	262- 586	.447	120-212	.566	672	92	256-7	644	8.7
W. McCarter	40	861	132- 349	.378	43- 60	.717	83	93	71-0	307	7.7
J. Egan	72	1627	215- 491	.438	99-121	.818	104	216	171-2	529	7.3
B. Hewitt	20	478	25- 88	.284	16- 31	.516	141	28	39-0	66	3.3
M. Lynn	44	403	44- 133	.331	31- 48	.646	64	30	87-4	119	2.7

		Min-			FG	FT	Re-	As-			Tot.	Avg.
MILWAUKEE		G	utes	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	bnd	sist	PF-FO*	Pts.	Pts.
L. Alcindor	82	3534	938-1810	.518	485-743	.653	1190	337	283-8	2361	28.8	
F. Robinson	81	2762	663-1391	.477	439-489	.898	263	449	254-5	1765	21.8	
J. McGlocklin	82	2966	639-1206	.530	169-198	.854	252	303	164-0	1447	17.6	
B. Dandridge	81	2461	434- 895	.485	199-264	.754	625	292	279-1	1067	13.2	
G. Smith	82	2368	339- 664	.511	125-174	.718	712	156	304-8	803	9.8	
L. Chappell	75	1134	243- 523	.465	135-211	.640	276	56	127-1	621	8.3	
F. Crawford	77	1331	243- 506	.480	101-148	.682	184	225	181-1	587	7.6	
D. Smith	80	1637	237- 546	.434	119-185	.643	603	62	167-2	593	7.4	
J. Arthurs	11	86	12- 35	.343	11- 15	.733	14	17	15-0	35	3.2	
G. Rodgers	64	749	68- 191	.356	67- 90	.744	74	213	73-1	203	3.2	
B. Greacen	41	292	44- 109	.404	18- 28	.643	59	27	49-0	106	2.6	
S. Williams	11	44	11- 24	.454	5- 11	.455	7	3	5-0	27	2.5	
D. Cunningham	60	416	52- 141	.369	22- 33	.667	160	28	70-0	126	2.1	

		Min-		FG		FT	Re-	As-		Tot.	Avg.
NEW YORK	G	utes	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FTM-FTA	Pct.	bnd	sist	PF-FO*	Pts.	Pts.
W Reed	81	3089	702-1385	.507	351-464	.756	1126	161	287-2	1755	21.7
W.Frazier	77	3040	600-1158	.518	409-547	.748	465	629	203-1	1609	20.9
D.Barnett	82	2772	494-1039	.475	232-325	.714	221	298	220-0	1220	14.9
D.Debusschere	79	2627	488-1082	.451	176-256	.688	790	194	244-2	1152	14.6
B.Bradley	67	2098	413- 897	.460	145-176	.824	239	268	219-0	971	14.5
C Russell	78	1563	385- 773	.498	124-160	.775	236	135	137-0	894	11.5
D.Stallworth	82	1375	239- 557	.429	161-225	.716	323	139	194-2	639	7.8
M.Riordan	81	1677	255- 549	.464	114-165	.691	194	201	192-1	624	7.7
B.Hosket	36	235	46- 91	.505	26- 33	.788	63	17	36-0	118	3.3
N.Bowman	81	744	98- 235	.417	41- 79	.519	257	46	189-2	237	2.9
D.May	37	238	39- 101	.386	18- 19	.947	52	17	42-0	96	2.6
J.Warren	44	272	44- 108	.407	24- 35	.686	40	30	53-0	112	2.5

PHILADELPHIA	G	Min- utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re- bnd	As- sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
B.Cunningham	81	3194	802-1710	.469	510-700	.729	1101	352	331-15	2114	26.1
H.Greer	80	3724	705-1551	.455	352-432	.815	376	405	300-8	1762	22.0
A.Clark	76	2772	594-1198	.496	311-396	.785	301	380	201-2	1499	19.7
D.Imhoff	79	2474	430- 796	.540	215-331	.650	754	211	294-7	1075	13.6
J.Washington	79	2459	401- 842	.476	204-273	.747	734	104	262-5	1006	12.7
W.Jones	78	1740	366- 851	.430	190-226	.841	173	276	210-2	922	11.8
F.Hetzel	63	757	156- 323	.483	71- 85	.835	207	44	110-3	383	6.1
M.Guokas	80	1558	189- 416	.454	106-149	.711	216	222	201-0	484	6.1
L.Jackson	37	583	71- 181	.392	60- 81	.741	198	50	80-0	202	5.5
G.Wilson	67	836	118- 304	.388	122-172	.709	317	52	145-3	358	5.3
B.Ogden	47	357	82- 172	.477	27- 39	.692	86	31	62-2	191	4.1
D.Scholz	1	1	1- 1	1.000	0- 0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	2.0

PHOENIX	G	Min- utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re- bnd	As- sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
C.Hawkins	81	3312	709-1447	.490	577-741	.779	846	391	287-4	1995	24.6
D.VanArsdale	77	2966	592-1166	.508	459-575	.798	264	338	282-5	1643	21.3
G.Goodrich	81	3234	568-1251	.454	488-604	.808	340	605	251-3	1624	20.0
J.Fox	81	2041	413- 788	.524	218-283	.770	570	93	261-7	1044	12.9
P.Silas	78	2836	373- 804	.464	250-412	.607	916	214	266-5	996	12.8
D.Snyder	6	147	22- 45	.489	7- 8	.875	15	9	20-1	51	8.5
J.Chambers	79	1139	283- 658	.430	91-125	.728	219	54	162-3	657	8.3
N.Walk	82	1394	257- 547	.470	155-242	.640	455	80	225-2	669	8.2
A.Harris***	81	1553	285- 723	.394	86-134	.642	161	231	220-0	656	8.1
A.Harris**	76	1375	257- 650	.395	82-125	.656	142	211	209-0	596	7.8
L.Green	58	700	101- 234	.432	41- 70	.586	276	17	115-2	243	4.2
S.McKenzie	58	525	81- 206	.393	58- 73	.795	93	52	67-1	220	3.8
N.Johnson	28	136	20- 60	.333	8- 12	.667	47	12	38-0	48	1.4

SAN DIEGO	G	Min- utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re- bnd	As- sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
E.Hayes	82	3665	914-2020	.452	428-622	.688	1386	162	270-5	2256	27.5
D.Kojis	56	1578	338- 756	.447	181-241	.751	388	78	135-1	857	15.3
J.Barnett	80	2105	450- 998	.451	289-366	.790	305	287	222-3	1189	14.9
J.Block	82	2152	453-1025	.442	287-367	.782	609	137	275-2	1193	14.5
S.Lantz	82	2471	455-1027	.443	278-361	.770	255	287	238-2	1188	14.5
B.Williams	72	1228	251- 641	.392	96-122	.787	155	165	124-0	598	8.3
R.Adelman	35	717	96- 247	.389	68- 91	.747	81	113	90-0	260	7.4
B.Smith	75	1198	242- 567	.427	66- 96	.688	328	75	119-0	550	7.3
T.Kimball	77	1622	218- 508	.429	107-185	.578	621	95	187-1	543	7.1
J.Trapp	70	1025	185- 434	.426	72-104	.692	309	49	200-3	442	6.3
A.Williams	80	1545	189- 464	.407	88-118	.746	292	503	168-0	466	5.8
P.Riley	36	474	75- 180	.417	40- 55	.727	57	85	68-0	190	5.3

SAN FRANCISCO	G	Min- utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re- bnd	As- sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
J.Mullins	74	2861	656-1426	.460	320-378	.847	382	360	240-4	1632	22.1
N.Thurmond	43	1919	341- 824	.414	261-346	.754	762	150	110-1	943	21.9
J.King	3	105	19- 46	.413	11- 14	.786	16	10	8-0	49	16.3
J.Ellis	76	2380	501-1223	.410	200-270	.741	594	139	281-13	1202	15.8
J.Lucas***	67	2420	405- 799	.507	200-255	.784	951	173	166-2	1010	15.1
J.Lucas**	63	2302	387- 764	.507	195-248	.786	906	166	159-2	969	15.4
R.Williams	80	2435	452-1046	.432	277-337	.822	190	424	287-7	1181	14.8
C.Lee	82	2641	362- 822	.440	178-300	.593	929	80	263-5	902	11.0
J.Turner	3	75	9- 17	.529	5- 10	.500	14	1	6-0	23	7.7
D.Gambee	73	951	185- 464	.399	156-186	.839	244	55	172-0	526	7.2
B.Lewis	73	1353	213- 557	.382	100-152	.658	157	194	170-0	526	7.2
B.Portman	60	813	177- 398	.445	66- 85	.776	224	28	77-0	420	7.0
A.Smith**	77	1087	153- 416	.368	152-170	.894	82	133	122-0	458	5.9
A.Smith**	45	634	93- 268	.347	100-110	.909	49	87	66-0	286	6.4
A.Attles	45	676	78- 202	.386	75-113	.664	74	142	103-0	231	5.1
D.Schlueter	63	685	82- 167	.491	60- 97	.619	231	25	108-0	224	3.6

SEATTLE	G	Min- utes	FGM-FGA	FG Pct.	FTM-FTA	FT Pct.	Re- bnd	As- sist	PF-FO*	Tot. Pts.	Avg. Pts.
B.Rule	80	2959	789-1705	.463	387-542	.714	825	144	278-6	1965	24.6
L.Wilkens	75	2802	448-1066	.420	438-556	.788	378	683	212-5	1334	17.8
B.Boozar	82	2549	493-1005	.491	263-320	.822	717	110	237-2	1249	15.2
D.Snyder***	82	2437	456- 863	.528	169-208	.813	323	342	277-8	1081	13.2
D.Snyder**	76	2290	434- 818	.531	162-200	.810	308	333	257-7	1030	13.6
J.Tresvant	49	1278	217- 507	.428	183-249	.735	362	95	164-4	617	12.6
T.Meschery	80	2294	394- 818	.482	196-248	.790	666	157	317-13	984	12.3
A.Harris	5	178	28- 73	.384	4- 9	.444	19	20	11-0	60	12.0
L.Allen	81	1817	306- 692	.442	182-249	.731	211	342	201-0	794	9.8
B.Clemens	78	1487	270- 595	.454	111-140	.793	316	116	188-1	651	8.3
E.Mueller	4	69	13- 32	.406	4- 9	.444	14	8	6-0	30	7.5
L.Winfield	64	771	138- 288	.479	87-116	.750	98	102	95-0	363	5.7
D.Murrey	81	1079	153- 343	.446	136-186	.731	357	76	191-4	442	5.5
R.Thorn	19	105	20- 45	.444	15- 24	.625	16	17	8-0	55	2.9
A.Hairston	3	20	3- 8	.375	1- 1	1.000	5	6	3-0	7	2.3
J.Kennedy	14	82	3- 34	.088	2- 2	1.000	20	7	7-0	8	0.6

*—Number of games disqualified on personal fouls

**—Includes games played with this team only

***—Includes games played with all teams.

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CAROLINA	G	2-Point		3-Point		FTM-FTA	Pct.	As-sists	Individual Rebounds			Total Points	Avg. Points
		FGM-FGA	Pct.	FGM-FGA	Pct.				PF-FO	Off Def	Avg.		
B. Verga	82	802-1769	.453	66-215	.307	458-565	.811	290	268-3	176-254	5.24	2258	27.54
D. Moe	80	527-1220	.432	8-34	.235	304-399	.762	425	282-8	142-295	5.46	1282	17.27
G. Littles	82	414-814	.509	0-3	.000	197-254	.776	282	265-0	154-261	5.06	1025	12.50
R. Niemann	63	285-601	.474	0-0	.000	141-192	.734	87	219-7	171-392	8.94	711	11.29
R. Mahaffey	84	367-817	.449	0-4	.000	194-283	.686	164	275-7	212-469	8.11	928	11.05
L. Miller ††	59	217-474	.458	6-36	.167	127-197	.645	100	117-0	89-178	4.53	579	9.81
L. Miller †	80	301-684	.442	15-74	.203	223-331	.674	147	172-0	132-282	5.17	872	10.90
G. Peoples	83	279-675	.413	0-7	.000	209-315	.663	123	232-0	229-456	8.25	767	9.24
H. Whitney	59	170-403	.422	0-0	.000	57-88	.648	56	200-4	127-244	6.29	397	6.73
R. Perry ††	19	40-93	.430	2-10	.200	32-43	.744	18	34-1	4-14	0.95	118	6.21
B. Bunting	57	96-248	.387	0-0	.000	79-106	.745	34	106-3	73-96	2.96	271	4.75
C. Fowler	78	124-271	.458	7-17	.412	74-119	.622	126	156-2	54-118	2.18	343	4.40
S. Kramer	51	49-105	.467	0-2	.000	63-88	.733	39	70-0	18-34	1.02	161	3.16
G. Sutor ††	11	12-40	.300	0-1	.000	7-15	.467	2	29-0	21-30	4.64	31	2.82
Opponents	84	3226-7168	.450	141-482	.293	2113-2912	.725	1588	2123-37	1483-2901	52.19	8990	107.02

DALLAS	GP	2-Point		3-Point		FTM-FTA	Pct.	As-sists	Individual Rebounds			Total Points	Avg. Points
		FGM-FGA	Pct.	FGM-FGA	Pct.				PF-FO	Off-Def	Avg.		
G. Combs	84	510-1104	.462	120-370	.324	458-548	.836	342	265-2	61-228	3.44	1868	22.24
C. Powell	76	560-1188	.471	2-12	.167	402-519	.775	192	250-6	193-489	8.97	1528	20.11
M. Leaks	84	636-1285	.495	0-2	.000	305-428	.712	100	283-111	427-620	12.46	1577	18.77
J. Beasley	84	623-1246	.500	3-8	.375	284-347	.818	131	278-4	303-703	11.98	1539	18.32
R. Jones	2	9-20	.450	0-0	.000	10-11	.909	1	11-1	7-16	11.50	28	14.00
R. Boone	84	406-925	.439	17-55	.309	300-382	.785	272	265-6	124-242	4.36	1163	13.85
C. Beasley	80	273-595	.459	19-72	.264	231-262	.882	280	222-2	32-172	2.56	834	10.42
B. Bedell	80	283-667	.424	2-10	.200	207-246	.841	126	192-3	153-301	5.67	779	9.74
C. Hagan	3	8-12	.667	0-1	.000	1-2	.500	6	2-0	1-2	1.00	17	5.67
M. McHartley ††	27	52-110	.473	4-28	.143	31-41	.756	42	59-1	15-29	1.63	147	5.44
M. McHartley †	55	149-352	.423	6-36	.167	98-120	.754	142	158-3	42-73	2.09	414	7.53
J. Smith ††	48	92-231	.398	0-1	.000	48-78	.615	52	149-5	101-228	6.85	232	4.83
T. Hagan	24	30-64	.469	7-17	.412	22-29	.759	40	61-0	42-64	2.04	174	3.70
B. McGill ††	24	30-61	.492	0-0	.000	15-24	.625	17	41-0	13-44	2.38	75	3.13
B. McGill †	59	201-369	.545	0-0	.000	77-108	.712	60	140-1	55-160	3.64	479	8.12
W. Scott	8	6-15	.400	0-0	.000	1-6	.167	2	16-0	2-2	0.50	13	1.63
B. Christian ††	1	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	2-0	0-1	1.00	0	0.00
Chaparrals	84	3588-7681	.467	187-584	.320	2440-2968	.788	1633	32138-40	1482-3154	55.19	10079	119.99
Opponents	84	3675-8220	.447	190-641	.296	1998-2660	.751	1670	2319-56	1688-2967	55.42	9918	118.07

DENVER	GP	2-Point		3-Point		FTM-FTA	Pct.	As-sists	Individual Rebounds			Total Points	Avg. Points
		FGM-FGA	Pct.	FGM-FGA	Pct.				PF-FO	Off-Def	Avg.		
S. Haywood	84	986-1987	.496	0-11	.000	547-705	.776	190	221-1	533-1104	19.49	2519	29.99
L. Jones	75	584-1276	.458	41-165	.248	579-732	.791	426	228-1	143-248	5.21	1870	24.93
B. Beck	79	440-839	.524	0-2	.000	127-174	.787	112	293-12	250-514	9.67	1017	12.87
L. Wright	79	339-759	.447	54-193	.279	121-175	.691	149	278-7	49-167	2.73	961	12.16
J. Hammond	69	329-659	.499	0-1	.000	169-243	.695	109	182-2	204-267	6.83	827	11.99
J. Congdon	82	236-597	.395	62-178	.348	151-192	.786	446	205-3	52-181	2.81	812	9.78
J. Keye	77	245-611	.401	0-7	.000	116-192	.601	47	209-2	188-342	6.88	606	7.87
W. Piatkowski	75	204-485	.421	11-50	.220	76-99	.768	41	180-1	106-146	3.36	517	6.89
B. Warley	42	45-112	.402	15-58	.260	58-76	.763	30	98-0	26-84	2.62	193	4.60
D. Waller	7	10-23	.435	0-1	.000	9-19	.474	4	12-0	16-22	5.43	29	4.14
L. Lynn ††	12	20-46	.435	0-0	.000	8-12	.667	4	18-0	15-35	4.17	48	4.00
G. Wittman	50	76-187	.406	4-17	.235	32-59	.542	15	87-2	30-68	1.96	196	3.92
F. Theard	25	39-112	.348	0-1	.000	18-28	.643	44	49-1	8-43	2.04	96	3.84
C. Anderson	3	2-4	.500	0-0	.000	2-6	.333	4	3-0	1-3	1.33	6	2.00
Rockets	84	3555-7697	.462	188-684	.275	2012-2712	.746	1621	2064-32	1621-4224	57.68	9697	115.44
Opponents	84	3458-7752	.446	161-534	.299	1927-2671	.750	1602	2124-40	1469-2973	52.88	9328	111.05

INDIANA	GP	2-Point		Pct.	3-Point		Pct.	As-	Individual Rebounds			Total	Avg.
		FGM-FGA			FGM-FGA	FTM-FTA			PF-FO	Off-Def	Avg.		
R. Brown	84	679-1324	.513		40-120	457-562	.812	392	308-3	178-442	7.38	1935	24.04
B. Netolicky	82	671-1286	.484		2-7	343-502	.683	123	206-2	337-539	10.68	1691	20.62
M. Daniels	83	613-1293	.474		0-2	330-489	.675	121	309-7	423-1039	17.61	1556	18.75
F. Lewis	81	401-888	.452		47-177	383-485	.790	289	294-5	118-159	3.42	1326	16.37
J. Barnhill	77	254-552	.460		71-272	158-238	.664	312	196-2	60-113	2.25	879	11.42
A. Becker	82	309-592	.522		0-1	111-137	.810	45	249-8	110-269	4.62	729	8.89
B. Keller	82	210-480	.438		41-154	164-193	.850	235	153-0	75-99	2.12	710	8.66
B. Orms tt	9	17-37	.459		0-3	17-28	.654	13	30-1	13-24	4.11	51	5.67
O. Darden tt	26	46-117	.393		1-4	16-23	.696	13	48-0	22-68	3.46	111	4.27
O. Darden t	69	125-322	.388		1-5	57-87	.655	46	142-1	93-167	3.77	310	4.49
S. Chubin tt	32	39-89	.438		2-4	50-60	.833	69	73-1	23-18	1.28	134	4.19
J. Miller	52	75-166	.452		0-1	41-57	.719	16	72-2	43-37	1.54	191	3.67
T. Thacker	70	60-173	.347		10-39	38-69	.551	185	177-2	91-120	3.01	188	2.69
D. Grubar	2	2-3	.667		0-0	0-0	.000	1	1-0	0-0	0.00	4	2.00
J. Fairchild tt	3	1-6	.167		0-0	1-2	.500	2	8-0	1-8	3.00	3	1.00
B. Edmonds	3	1-5	.200		0-0	1-3	.333	0	1-0	2-2	1.33	3	1.00
G. McKee	1	0-1	.000		0-0	0-0	.000	0	0-0	0-0	0.00	0	0.00
Pacers	84	3378-7112	.475		215-784	2110-2846	.741	1826	2125-33	1496-2937	52.77	9511	112.23
Opponents	84	3443-7674	.449		125-507	1959-2731	.717	1726	2224-48	1715-2857	54.43	9220	109.76

KENTUCKY	GP	2-Point		Pct.	3-Point		Pct.	As-	Individual Rebounds			Total	Avg.
		FGM-FGA			FGM-FGA	FTM-FTA			PF-FO	Off-Def	Avg.		
L. Dampier	82	545-1316	.414		198-548	447-538	.831	447	235-2	83-227	3.78	2125	25.9
D. Carrier	77	503-1178	.427		105-280	454-509	.892	212	268-8	44-205	3.23	1781	23.1
G. Moore	83	628-1386	.453		2-4	209-311	.672	188	382-25	345-657	12.07	1471	17.8
J. Ligon	84	507-998	.508		0-2	287-445	.645	190	360-13	399-695	13.02	1301	15.5
S. Smith	81	306-720	.425		1-4	163-249	.655	109	202-4	301-418	8.88	778	9.6
W. Chapman	82	253-617	.410		8-37	134-204	.657	139	250-7	101-151	3.07	664	8.1
G. Tinsley tt	77	172-392	.439		1-8	159-214	.743	76	189-3	146-175	4.17	506	6.6
G. Tinsley t	82	174-399	.436		1-8	162-218	.743	76	192-3	147-178	3.96	513	6.3
O. Darden tt	43	79-205	.385		0-1	41-64	.641	33	94-1	71-99	3.95	199	4.6
B. Olsen	84	157-326	.482		1-4	26-73	.356	249	234-5	140-234	4.45	343	4.1
T. Kron	40	48-128	.375		7-19	41-46	.891	87	80-1	24-45	1.72	158	3.9
B. Rescoe	4	4-20	.200		0-1	6-7	.857	1	3-0	1-3	1.00	14	3.5
W. Murrell tt	35	44-111	.396		4-7	18-28	.643	10	68-0	47-94	4.03	118	3.4
W. Murrell t	82	269-579	.465		7-17	117-154	.760	66	201-2	121-331	5.51	678	8.2
S. Chubin tt	15	10-33	.303		0-1	27-33	.818	17	24-0	6-7	0.87	47	3.1
S. Chubin t	72	122-338	.361		5-14	170-199	.854	167	174-3	74-63	1.90	429	5.9
J. Fairchild tt	7	3-12	.250		3-5	4-8	.500	2	10-0	5-3	1.14	19	2.7
J. Fairchild t	10	4-18	.222		3-5	5-10	.500	4	18-0	6-11	1.70	22	2.2
K. Swagerty	3	2-8	.250		0-1	3-3	1.000	3	4-0	1-5	2.00	7	2.3
S. Little	3	2-3	.667		0-1	1-1	1.000	2	4-0	0-1	0.33	5	1.7
B. Washington	2	0-1	.000		0-0	0-0	.000	0	0-0	0-0	0.000	0	0.0
G. Williams	1	0-1	.000		0-0	0-0	.000	0	2-0	0-0	0.000	0	0.0
Colonels	84	3263-7455	.438		330-923	2020-2733	.739	2765	2409-69	1714-3019	56.35	9536	113.5
Opponents	84	3378-7403	.456		127-484	2311-3122	.740	1657	2276-47	1467-3095	54.31	9450	112.5

LOS ANGELES	GP	2-Point		Pct.	3-Point		Pct.	As-	Individual Rebounds			Total	Avg.
		FGM-FGA			FGM-FGA	FTM-FTA			PF-FO	Off-Def	Avg.		
W. Hightower	27	180-401	.449		0-2	129-170	.759	71	101-4	78-177	9.44	489	18.11
M. Calvin	84	438-1022	.429		3-25	529-642	.824	478	289-8	95-199	3.50	1414	16.83
G. Stone	83	447-988	.452		65-206	239-306	.781	145	280-4	165-386	6.64	1328	16.00
W. Davis tt	46	276-559	.494		1-1	179-232	.772	105	175-3	164-336	10.87	734	15.96
C. Raymond tt	46	286-582	.491		0-1	138-206	.670	99	174-6	105-435	11.74	710	15.43
C. Raymond t	80	386-811	.476		0-1	190-304	.625	154	274-8	146-650	9.95	862	12.02
W. Wise	82	479-997	.480		4-17	278-427	.651	204	301-8	283-669	11.61	1248	15.22
A. Anderson tt	49	291-666	.437		1-11	115-155	.742	125	122-1	110-89	4.06	700	14.29
A. Anderson t	81	400-917	.436		1-13	204-268	.761	164	196-1	140-115	3.15	1007	12.43
L. Miller tt	21	85-210	.405		9-38	96-134	.716	47	56-0	43-104	7.00	293	13.95
T. Workman	26	115-247	.466		1-4	77-98	.786	22	69-0	44-50	3.62	310	11.92
G. Lehman tt	10	34-112	.304		5-20	33-36	.917	28	26-0	0-12	1.20	116	11.60
B. McGill tt	27	131-232	.565		0-0	48-63	.762	30	79-1	33-86	4.41	310	11.48
T. Washington tt	37	154-271	.568		1-3	66-99	.667	80	144-6	160-218	10.22	377	10.19
T. Washington t	81	316-574	.551		4-8	155-240	.646	196	285-8	312-510	10.15	799	9.86
B. Warren	72	241-540	.446		25-107	176-238	.739	141	190-1	119-158	3.85	733	10.18
B. Warlick	29	112-308	.364		0-1	65-96	.677	76	70-0	51-63	3.93	289	9.97
M. Jackson	52	153-431	.355		16-44	92-114	.807	114	145-4	39-99	2.65	446	8.58
M. Peterson	4	10-31	.323		0-4	3-3	1.000	1	4-0	5-8	3.25	23	5.75
S. Hill tt	6	8-24	.333		0-1	3-3	1.000	1	7-0	4-8	2.00	19	3.17
L. Selva	4	4-10	.400		0-4	0-0	.000	5	2-0	0-2	0.50	8	2.00
Stars	84	3444-7631	.451		131-489	2268-3022	.750	1772	2234-43	1498-3099	54.73	9547	113.65
Opponents	84	3470-7649	.454		180-632	2087-2747	.760	1753	2390-55	1567-3143	56.07	9567	113.89

MIAMI	GP	2-Point		Pct.	3-Point		Pct.	As- sists	Individual Rebounds			Total Points	Avg. Points
		FGM-FGA			FGM-FGA	FTM-FTA			PF-FO	Off-Def	Avg.		
D Freeman	79	761-1665	457	5-19	626-762	822	291	253-5	132-268	5 06	2163	27 38	
D.Srdle . . .	84	638-1314	486	1-6	469-634	740	129	272-3	432-650	12 88	1749	20.82	
G,Lehmann ††	25	122-275	444	46-140	66-81	815	124	83-0	17-53	2.80	448	17.92	
G Lehmann †	81	226-561	403	92-286	180-211	853	256	189-0	35-86	1.49	908	11.21	
S.Hill ††	47	284-655	434	5-29	123-164	750	46	194-10	166-223	8.28	706	15.02	
S.Hill † . . .	53	292-679	430	5-30	126 167	754	47	201-10	170-231	7 57	725	13.68	
D Thoren . .	29	164-362	453	0-2	92-155	594	75	112-2	109-284	13.55	419	14 45	
W,Murrell ††	47	225-468	481	3-10	99-126	786	56	133-2	74-237	6 62	558	11.87	
L Cannon	57	245-630	389	8-30	158-232	681	158	133-2	74-67	2 47	672	11 79	
M,McHartley ††	11	42-115	365	0-3	27-37	730	45	51 1	11-21	2 91	111	10.09	
A.Anderson ††	32	109-251	434	0-2	89 113	788	39	74-0	30-26	1 75	307	9.59	
D.Thornton	5	15-33	455	0-2	14-17	824	11	14-0	5-17	4.40	44	8.80	
E.Staggs	53	187-467	400	2-7	73-114	640	78	155-7	35-87	2 30	453	8.55	
W Jones	74	241-605	398	2-11	118-162	728	48	207-5	223-342	7 64	606	8.19	
A.Heyman ††	18	47-101	465	0-4	46-65	708	20	31-1	33-24	3.17	140	7.78	
A.Heyman †	19	47-102	461	0-4	46-65	708	20	32-1	33-24	3 00	140	7.37	
H.White	54	139-320	434	7-43	62-84	738	56	147-2	70-85	2 87	361	6.69	
D.Sparks	3	7-18	389	0-0	5-6	833	2	7-0	9-7	5.33	19	6.33	
A Cueto	78	177-433	409	5-16	102-144	708	58	257-12	171-281	5.79	471	6.04	
H.Booker	12	30-60	500	0-1	10-18	556	6	23-0	44-47	7.58	70	5.83	
B Woolard	19	32 81	395	0-1	20-25	800	6	42-1	25-44	3 63	84	4.42	
S,Vacendak ††	12	13-44	295	0-2	11 20	550	17	18-0	4-8	1.00	37	3.08	
S,Vacendak †	14	15-57	263	0-2	13-22	591	20	22-0	5-8	0 93	43	3.07	
L.Schackelford	22	18-59	305	4-13	10-13	769	11	34-0	11-16	1.23	58	2.64	
W.Byrd	22	14-42	333	0-1	5-17	294	6	22-0	8-17	1.14	33	1.50	
G.Sutor ††	3	0-5	000	0-0	0-2	000	1	2-0	2-2	1.33	0	0.00	
G.Sutor †	14	12-45	267	0-1	7-17	412	3	31-0	23-32	3.93	31	2 21	
Floridians	84	3510-8003	439	88-342	2225-2991	744	2181	2264-53	2685-2806	53 46	9511	113.23	
Opponents	84	3609-7573	477	163-520	2233-2940	760	1719	2218-30	1476-2917	52-30	9940	118.33	

NEW ORLEANS	GP	2-Point		Pct.	3-Point		Pct.	As- sists	Individual Rebounds			Total Points	Avg. Points
		FGM-FGA			FGM-FGA	FTM-FTA			PF-FO	Off-Def	Avg.		
J.Jones	70	531-1063		500	2-9	380-469	810	340	238-5	85-230	4.50	1448	20.69
A Robbins	82	518-1068		485	7-23	285-366	779	182	251-1	427-905	16.24	1342	16.37
G Govan	84	421-1033		408	1-11	208-285	730	385	273-5	285-932	14.49	1053	12.54
R Franz	56	224-522		429	7-25	163-259	629	91	139-3	106-181	5.22	632	11.49
M Butler	83	211-500		422	87-300	135-161	839	134	193-1	10-109	1.43	818	9.86
J.Morland	80	315-757		416	2-8	139-176	790	160	250-8	150-236	4.82	775	9.69
H.Swift	66	177-421		420	38-125	139-168	827	77	208-4	21-79	1.52	607	9.20
R.Perry††	27	54-144		375	8-25	37-54	685	19	44-0	20-15	1.30	169	6.26
R Perry†	46	94-237		397	10-35	69-97	711	37	78-1	24-29	1.15	287	6.24
J.Wilson	4	7-19		368	1-2	6-8	750	2	6-0	2-12	3.50	23	5.75
T Bowens	68	110-251		438	0-0	47-62	758	41	147-2	73-105	2.62	267	3.93
J.Rook	28	37-80		462	0-2	11-13	846	10	21-0	12-19	1.11	85	3.04
L Davis	16	16-36		444	0-0	8-15	5333	2	31-0	9-31	2.50	40	2.50
Buccaneers	84	3295-7386		446	168-596	1970-2531	778	1638	2091-32	1342-3100	52.88	9064	107.90
Opponents	84	3271-7296		448	156-582	1989-2636	755	1547	2077-32	1348-3156	53.62	8999	107.13

		2-Point		3-Point				Individual Rebounds			Total	Avg.
NEW YORK	GP	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FGM-FGA	FTM-FTA	Pct.	As-	PF-FO	Off-Def	Avg.	Points	Points
L.Tart	80	746-1493	.499	11-35	412-526	.783	264	268-4	252-294	6.82	1935	24.19
L.Hunter	79	480-1081	.444	6-41	317-432	.734	215	335-15	234-439	8.52	1295	16.39
B.Melchionni	80	474-1002	.473	5-28	255-311	.820	467	282-7	66-164	2.88	1218	15.22
S.Dove	80	454-974	.466	2-13	240-379	.633	107	295-12	236-307	6.79	1154	14.42
W.Simon	81	453-1010	.449	1-20	253-338	.749	294	296-5	1520-322	5.85	1162	14.35
E.Johnson	74	404-846	.478	1-2	226-404	.559	88	305-18	328-551	11.88	1037	14.01
S.Chubintt	11	38-112	.339	2-6	37-42	.881	26	290-	22-12	3.18	119	10.82
G.Lehman tt	46	70-174	.402	41-126	81-94	.862	104	80-0	18-21	0.85	344	7.48
Ron Taylor tt	72	153-318	.481	0-0	54-97	.567	64	207-11	119-167	3.97	360	5.00
Ron Taylor t	75	156-327	.477	0-0	57-102	.559	64	218-11	120-173	3.91	369	4.92
L.Green	59	114-300	.380	0-3	55-97	.567	27	117-2	96-167	4.46	283	4.80
D.Grey	4	6-24	.250	0-0	8-12	.500	0	15-1	11-14	6.25	18	4.50
B.Kramer	7	10-30	.333	0-1	7-8	.875	3	10-0	7-6	1.86	27	3.86
B.McIntyre	7	11-29	.379	1-3	0-1	.000	5	8-0	9-11	2.88	25	3.57
B.Arnzen	12	19-47	.404	0-1	2-6	.333	5	11-0	12-10	1.69	40	3.08
B.Christian tt	1	1-3	.333	0-0	0-0	.000	0	1-0	1-1	2.00	2	2.00
B.Christian t	2	1-3	.333	0-0	0-0	.000	0	4-0	1-2	1.50	2	1.00
B.Evans	53	32-85	.376	0-2	38-70	.543	100	89-1	17-22	0.74	102	1.92
J.Smith tt	16	9-39	.231	0-1	5-7	.714	3	30-0	27-33	3.75	23	1.44
J.Smith t	70	105-282	.372	0-2	56-94	.596	58	185-5	130-274	5.77	266	3.80
J.Gillespie	2	0-5	.000	0-0	2-2	1.000	0	3-0	2-5	3.50	2	1.00
Nets	84	3473-7572	.459	70-282	1990-2826	.704	1762	2381-76	1609-2547	49.48	9148	108.90
Opponents	84	3240-6872	.471	157-491	2268-3034	.748	1781	2203-46	1467-2850	51.39	9119	109.75

PITTSBURGH		2-Point		3-Point		As-		Individual Rebounds			Total	Avg.
	GP	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FGM-FGA	FTM-FTA	Pct.	sists	PF-FO	Off-Def	Avg.	Points	Points
J.Brisker	77	583-1245	.476	34-116	329-398	.827	133	236-4	198-243	5.73	1617	21.00
C.Williams	26	177-462	.383	16-75	104-135	.770	94	80-1	25-53	3.00	606	19.46
M.Lewis	78	499-1006	.496	0-0	269-356	.756	268	306-7	370-684	13.51	1267	16.24
S.Johnson	81	529-1282	.413	15-55	137-176	.778	120	210-2	184-363	6.75	1240	15.31
A.Kelly	70	363-704	.516	21-74	168-257	.654	226	195-4	122-145	3.81	957	13.67
G.Thompson	54	252-555	.454	7-32	176-260	.677	73	109-0	47-47	1.74	701	12.98
W.Davis ††	34	151-299	.505	0-2	125-186	.672	139	125-2	114-293	11.97	427	12.56
W.Davis †	80	427-858	.498	1-3	304-418	.727	244	300-5	278-629	11.34	1161	14.51
B.McGill ††	8	40-78	.526	0-0	14-21	.667	13	20-0	9-30	4.88	94	11.75
C.Vaughn	21	42-98	.429	24-82	48-70	.686	22	53-1	17-11	1.33	204	9.71
T.Washington ††	44	162-202	.535	3-5	89-141	.631	116	141-3	152-292	10.09	422	9.59
B.Orms ††	68	250-632	.396	5-23	135-250	.540	119	185-2	127-183	4.56	650	9.56
B.Orms †	77	267-669	.399	5-28	152-278	.551	132	215-3	140-207	4.51	701	9.10
S.Chubin †	14	35-104	.337	1-3	56-64	.875	55	48-2	23-25	3.43	129	9.21
M.McHartley ††	17	55-127	.433	2-5	40-52	.769	55	48-1	16-23	2.29	156	9.18
C.Raymond ††	34	100-229	.427	0-0	52-98	.531	55	100-2	41-215	7.53	252	7.41
D.Hamilton	72	190-374	.508	0-1	76-100	.760	73	144-0	104-236	4.72	456	6.33
L.Bergh	20	49-119	.412	0-1	23-33	.697	18	52-2	36-49	4.25	212	6.05
L.Lynn ††	40	92-226	.407	0-3	28-62	.452	39	102-1	68-140	5.20	212	5.30
L.Lynn †	52	112-272	.412	0-3	36-74	.488	43	120-1	83-175	4.96	260	5.00
J.Thigpen	3	5-19	.263	0-0	1-3	.333	4	14-1	4-4	2.67	11	3.67
W.Kirkland	2	3-7	.429	0-0	0-0	.000	1	5-0	1-10	5.50	6	3.00
S.Vecendak ††	2	2-13	.154	0-0	2-2	1.000	3	4-0	1-0	0.50	6	3.00
J.Smith ††	6	4-12	.333	0-0	3-9	.333	3	6-0	2-13	2.50	11	1.83
A.Heyman ††	1	0-1	.000	0-0	0-0	.000	0	1-0	0-0	0.00	0	0.00
Pipers	84	3583-7883	.455	128-477	1875-2673	.701	1629	2184-35	1661-3059	56.19	9445	112.44
Opponents	84	3581-7841	.458	150-478	2192-2918	.751	1749	2187-28	1702-3168	57.98	9824	116.95

† Includes games played with all teams.
†† Includes games played with this team only.

WASHINGTON		2-Point		3-Point		As-		Individual Rebounds			Total	Avg.
	GP	FGM-FGA	Pct.	FGM-FGA	FTM-FTA	Pct.	sists	PF-FO	Off-Def	Avg.	Points	Points
R.Barry	52	509-997	.511	8-39	400-463	.864	178	174-1	130-233	6.98	1442	27.73
W.Armstrong	40	323-706	.458	19-62	210-293	.717	173	143-5	114-302	10.40	913	22.82
M.Barrett	84	417-946	.441	62-180	232-305	.761	259	243-2	139-157	3.52	1252	14.90
G.Carter	67	390-858	.455	7-13	167-216	.773	94	203-1	157-268	6.34	968	14.45
L.Brown	82	366-815	.449	10-39	362-439	.825	580	257-4	51-194	3.00	1124	13.71
G.Bredds	60	292-603	.484	0-5	217-262	.828	54	181-1	93-243	5.60	801	13.35
I.Harge	84	415-886	.468	0-0	196-289	.678	200	328-8	334-843	14.01	1026	12.21
F.Card	74	350-661	.530	1-5	178-286	.692	149		158-322	6.49	881	11.91
H.Logan	32	110-266	.414	0-3	91-127	.717	59	93-3	40-49	2.78	311	9.72
Roland Taylor	83	242-614	.471	1-6	178-264	.674	201	285-4	176-201	4.54	665	8.01
J.Eakins	82	181-364	.497	0-0	166-224	.741	71	184-0	130-282	5.02	528	6.44
Ron Taylor ††	3	3-9	.333	0-0	3-5	.600	0	11-0	1-6	2.33	9	3.00
G.Tinsley ††	5	2-7	.286	0-0	3-4	.750	0	3-0	1-3	0.80	7	1.40
H.Jeter	5	1-4	.250	0-0	0-0	.000	0	8-0	1-0	0.20	2	0.40
Capitols	84	3601-7635	.472	108-352	2403-3177	.756	1961	2329-32	1526-3103	55.11	9929	118.20
Opponents	84	3720-8148	.457	152-491	2087-2870	.727	1842	2321-61	1722-2860	54.55	9983	118.85

ALL-TIME FINAL STANDINGS

NBA Final Regular Season Standings 1946-1970

1969-70

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
New York . . .	60	22	.732	Atlanta	48	34	.588
Milwaukee . . .	56	26	.683	Los Angeles . . .	46	36	.561
Baltimore . . .	50	32	.610	Chicago	39	43	.478
Philadelphia . .	42	40	.512	Phoenix	39	43	.476
Cincinnati . . .	36	46	.439	Seattle	36	46	.439
Boston	34	48	.415	San Francisco . .	30	52	.366
Detroit	31	51	.378	San Diego	27	55	.329

1968-69

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Baltimore	57	25	.695	Los Angeles . . .	55	27	.671
Philadelphia . .	55	27	.671	Atlanta	48	34	.585
New York	54	28	.659	San Francisco . .	41	41	.500
Boston	48	34	.585	San Diego	37	45	.451
Cincinnati . . .	41	41	.500	Chicago	33	49	.402
Detroit	32	50	.390	Seattle	30	52	.366
Milwaukee	27	55	.329	Phoenix	16	66	.195

1967-68

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia . .	62	20	.756	St. Louis	56	26	.683
Boston	54	28	.659	Los Angeles . . .	52	30	.634
New York	43	39	.524	San Francisco . .	43	39	.524
Detroit	40	42	.488	Chicago	29	53	.354
Cincinnati . . .	39	43	.476	Seattle	23	59	.280
Baltimore	36	46	.439	San Diego	15	67	.183

1966-67

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia . .	58	13	.840	San Francisco . .	44	37	.543
Boston	60	21	.741	St. Louis	39	42	.481
Cincinnati . . .	39	42	.481	Los Angeles . . .	36	45	.444
New York	36	45	.444	Chicago	33	48	.407
Baltimore	20	61	.247	Detroit	30	51	.370

1965-66

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia . .	55	25	.688	Los Angeles . . .	45	35	.563
Boston	54	26	.675	Baltimore	38	42	.475
Cincinnati . . .	45	36	.553	St. Louis	36	44	.450
New York	30	50	.375	San Francisco . .	35	45	.438
				Detroit	22	58	.275

1964-65

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Boston	62	18	.775	Los Angeles . . .	49	31	.613
Cincinnati . . .	48	32	.600	St. Louis	45	35	.563
Philadelphia . . .	40	40	.500	Baltimore	37	43	.463
New York	31	49	.388	Detroit	31	49	.388
				San Francisco . .	17	63	.213

1963-64

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Boston	59	21	.737	San Francisco . .	48	32	.600
Cincinnati . . .	55	25	.687	St. Louis	46	34	.575
Philadelphia . . .	34	46	.425	Los Angeles . . .	42	38	.525
New York	22	58	.275	Baltimore	31	49	.387
				Detroit	23	57	.287

1962-63

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Boston	58	22	.725	Los Angeles . . .	53	27	.662
Syracuse	48	32	.600	St. Louis	48	32	.600
Cincinnati . . .	42	38	.525	Detroit	34	46	.425
New York	21	59	.262	San Francisco . .	31	49	.387
				Chicago	25	55	.312

1961-62

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Boston	60	20	.750	Los Angeles . . .	54	26	.675
Philadelphia . . .	49	31	.612	Cincinnati	43	37	.537
Syracuse	41	39	.512	Detroit	37	43	.462
New York	29	51	.362	St. Louis	29	51	.362
				Chicago	18	62	.225

1960-61

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Boston	57	22	.721	St. Louis	51	28	.645
Philadelphia . . .	46	33	.582	Los Angeles . . .	36	43	.455
Syracuse	38	41	.481	Detroit	34	45	.430
New York	21	58	.265	Cincinnati	33	46	.417

1959-60

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Boston	59	16	.786	St. Louis	46	29	.613
Philadelphia . . .	49	26	.653	Detroit	30	45	.400
Syracuse	45	30	.600	Minneapolis . . .	25	50	.333
New York	27	48	.360	Cincinnati	19	56	.253

1958-59

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Boston	52	20	.722	St. Louis	49	23	.680
New York	40	32	.555	Minneapolis . . .	33	39	.458
Syracuse	35	37	.486	Detroit	28	44	.388
Philadelphia . . .	32	40	.444	Cincinnati	19	53	.263

1957-58

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Boston	49	23	.680	St. Louis	41	31	.569
Syracuse	41	31	.569	Detroit	33	39	.458
Philadelphia ...	37	35	.512	Cincinnati ...	33	39	.458
New York	36	37	.486	Minneapolis ...	19	53	.263

1956-57

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Boston	44	28	.611	St. Louis	34	38	.472
Syracuse	38	34	.527	Minneapolis ...	34	38	.472
Philadelphia ...	37	35	.512	Ft. Wayne ...	34	38	.472
New York	36	36	.500	Rochester	31	41	.430

St. Louis beat Minneapolis and Fort Wayne in special playoff games.

1955-56

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia ...	46	27	.625	Ft. Wayne ...	37	35	.513
Boston	39	33	.541	Minneapolis ...	33	39	.458
New York	35	37	.486	St. Louis	33	39	.458
Syracuse	35	37	.486	Rochester ...	31	41	.430

1954-55

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Syracuse	43	29	.597	Ft. Wayne ...	43	29	.597
New York	39	34	.527	Minneapolis ...	40	32	.555
Boston	36	36	.500	Rochester	29	43	.402
Philadelphia ...	33	39	.458	Milwaukee ...	26	46	.361

1953-54

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
New York	44	28	.611	Minneapolis ...	46	26	.638
Boston	42	30	.583	Rochester	44	28	.611
Syracuse	42	30	.583	Ft. Wayne ...	40	32	.555
Philadelphia ...	29	43	.402	Milwaukee ...	21	51	.291
Baltimore	16	56	.222				

1952-53

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
New York	47	23	.652	Minneapolis ...	48	22	.686
Syracuse	47	24	.652	Rochester	44	26	.611
Boston	46	25	.638	Ft. Wayne ...	36	33	.500
Baltimore	16	54	.222	Indianapolis ...	28	43	.388
Philadelphia ...	12	57	.168	Milwaukee ...	27	44	.375

1951-52

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Syracuse	40	26	.606	Rochester	41	25	.621
Boston	39	27	.590	Minneapolis ...	40	26	.606
New York	37	29	.560	Indianapolis ...	34	32	.515
Philadelphia ...	33	33	.500	Ft. Wayne ...	29	37	.439
Baltimore	20	46	.303	Milwaukee ...	17	49	.257

1950-51

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia ...	40	26	.606	Minneapolis ...	44	24	.666
Boston	39	30	.590	Rochester ...	41	27	.621
New York	36	30	.545	Ft. Wayne ...	32	36	.484
Syracuse	32	34	.484	Indianapolis ...	31	37	.469
Baltimore	24	42	.363	Tri-Cities ...	25	43	.378
*Washington ...	10	25	.151				

* Disbanded January 9.

1949-50

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Syracuse	51	13	.796	Indianapolis ...	39	25	.609
New York	40	28	.588	Anderson	37	27	.578
Washington ...	32	36	.470	Tri-Cities ...	29	35	.453
Philadelphia ...	26	42	.382	Sheboygan ...	22	40	.354
Baltimore	26	43	.376	Waterloo	19	43	.306
Boston	22	48	.323	Denver	11	51	.177

Central Division

Minneapolis	51	17	.750
Rochester	51	17	.750
Ft. Wayne	40	28	.588
Chicago	40	28	.588
St. Louis	26	42	.382

1948-49

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Washington ...	48	22	.685	Rochester	45	15	.750
New York	32	28	.533	Minneapolis ...	44	16	.733
Baltimore	29	31	.483	Chicago	38	22	.633
Philadelphia ...	28	32	.466	St. Louis	29	31	.483
Boston	26	36	.416	Ft. Wayne ...	22	38	.366
Providence ...	12	48	.200	Indianapolis ...	18	42	.300

1947-48

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Philadelphia ...	27	21	.562	St. Louis	29	19	.604
New York	26	22	.530	Baltimore	28	20	.583
Boston	20	28	.416	Chicago	28	20	.583
Providence ...	6	42	.125	Washington ...	28	20	.583

1946-47

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Washington ...	49	11	.816	Chicago	39	22	.639
Philadelphia ...	36	26	.583	St. Louis	38	23	.622
New York	33	27	.550	Cleveland ...	30	30	.500
Providence ...	28	32	.466	Detroit	20	40	.333
Toronto	22	38	.466	Pittsburgh ...	15	45	.250
Boston	22	38	.466				

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1969-70

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Indiana	59	25	.702	Denver	51	33	.607
Kentucky	45	39	.536	Dallas	45	39	.536
Carolina	42	42	.500	Washington ...	44	40	.524
New York	39	45	.464	Los Angeles ...	43	41	.512
Pittsburgh ...	29	55	.345	New Orleans ...	42	42	.500
Miami	23	61	.274				

1968-69

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Indiana	44	34	.564	Oakland	60	18	.769
Miami	43	35	.551	New Orleans ...	46	32	.590
Kentucky	42	36	.538	Denver	44	34	.564
Minnesota ...	36	42	.462	Dallas	41	37	.526
New York	17	61	.218	Los Angeles ...	33	45	.423
				Houston	23	55	.295

1967-68

Eastern Division	W	L	Pct.	Western Division	W	L	Pct.
Pittsburgh ...	54	24	.692	New Orleans ...	48	30	.615
Minnesota ...	50	28	.641	Dallas	46	32	.590
Indiana	38	40	.487	Denver	45	33	.577
Kentucky	36	42	.462	Houston	29	49	.372
New Jersey ...	36	42	.462	Anaheim	25	53	.321
				Oakland	22	56	.282

AN EXPERT'S HOOP GLOSSARY

When you're listening to a radio broadcast or a telecast of a pro basketball game the announcers will capture the excitement and flavor of the contest with their running commentary, and in the course of their description of the action and the scene some of the following terms may pop up. These terms are a special language of the game, and this glossary follows to help you understand and appreciate the game better:

ATTACKING ZONE: The floor area, just below the center circle, that the offensive team moves into enroute to the basket.

AIR BALL: Colorful term used to describe a shot that misses the rim, the board, the net . . . in fact, everything but the floor or someone's hands.

BASE LINE (OR END LINE): Line behind the basket, the legal boundary between the playing floor and out of bounds

BRACKET: The support or hinge which connects the basket rim to the backboard

BOARDS (OR GLASS): The backboard, in most modern gyms and arenas made of glass, that supports the basket. Often used in reference to a player's rebounding abilities as in "he's topnotch on the boards."

BULLSEYE: Center jump circle . . . the phrase 'between the bullseyes' is used in reference to a player dribbling, passing or moving between the center jump circle and the key circle.

BLIND CORNER: That part of the floor where the base line meets the side line. Other phrases are "coffin corner" or "deep forecourt."

BUST OUT: Refers to a fast break, as in a 3-on-2 break; for example, "the Knicks have a 3-2 bust out going."

BREAK AWAY: When one or more players break away from the pack with the ball and an easy score.

CURL: Moving around an object.

CHARITY STRIKE (FREE STRIKE): Other terms for the free throw line, from which penalty shots are taken. It's fifteen feet from the plane of the face of the backboard.

D: Abbreviation for defense . . . Pressure D is when the defense presses the offensive from the backcourt up the floor

DUNK (STUFF OR JAM): Cramming the ball down through the iron and into the net. A slam dunk is when Wilt Chamberlain, Lew Alcindor, Willis Reed, or the games' other big men really jam it home.

FILLING THE LANES: When a team gets a fast break underway, the first thing it does is fill the lanes; that is, a man goes up each sideline and a third goes down the middle.

FOOTBALL PASS: When a player passes the ball to a teammate with one hand, as in throwing a football.

GOAL TENDING: Term derived from the rule book that constitutes either an offensive or defensive violation. Offensive goal tending occurs when an offensive shot is guided or tipped into the hoop when it is within the cylindrical perimeter above the rim or on the rim, helped by the offense before the shot has had a chance to complete its course. Defensive goal tending occurs when a shot is slapped away on its way down to the basket after it has reached the

apex of its arc or when it is pinned to the glass or backboard.

HOME RUN: A three-pointer in the ABA, a shot launched from beyond the 25-foot arc, which is painted a different color than floor. Announcer will say something like: "Roger Brown hits a home run for the Pacers . . ." Also known as the bomb

HOOP: Another word for basket or the goal.

HOLE HIGH: Ball position parallel to the circle, wheel, arc or area surrounding the free throw line.

HOOK: A type of shot. A half-hook is a cross between a hook and a push shot. A running hook is hook taken on the run

IRON: Another term for the rim

LANE (ALLEY, CREASE, WELL, HOLE): Term used to describe the key area leading from the free throw line to the basket. This area is 16 feet wide, bordering the basket and running perpendicular to the base line. The hole, crease or well is that part of the area which is directly in front of the basket.

MID-STRIPE: Same as half-court mark, or ten-second line, it is the line that divides the floor in half. Team has ten seconds to advance the ball past that mark when it gains possession in its half of the court. If it doesn't the ball goes over to the other team.

ON THE FLY: Hitting a teammate with a pass while both are on the run. Usually occurs when a team is on a fast break, trying to beat the other team down the court.

OUTLET OR RELEASE: Pass to a man on either sideline to initiate movement by a rebounding team down to other end of floor, to get a fast break going.

PICK: A barrier set by an offensive player against the defense; he'll set a pick by putting himself in position so defender will find path blocked when he tries to pursue another offensive ballplayer, who can thus move by his own man without interruption. A teammate with or without the ball can move free of his defender for a shot or a pass. A 'pick and roll' occurs when a man moves from a pick to the basket to look for a pass, from the man he has just passed the ball to, or to follow a shot.

POST: A location on the court assumed usually by the center during an offensive play. High Post: a location in or around the circle, wheel or key area. Low Post: a location close to the basket, either left, right or in the lane. The center moves into the high or low post depending on team's style of play or game variables.

PENETRATE: When a player drives to the basket he is penetrating the defense

PICKET LINE: The line (or stack-up) set by the team prior to an inbound situation, the line of four players awaiting the inbounder's pass could be perpendicular or parallel to the end or sideline.

SHOT CLOCK: The 24-second clock in the NBA and the 30-second clock in the ABA. Team in control of ball must make an attempt to score within that time period after gaining control of the ball. Floor clocks at both ends (or in some cases suspended on guide wires above the backboard) alert teams to time remaining. Failure to shoot within a required time will result in the loss of ball.

SKY (OR SKIES OR GOES UPSTAIRS): Reference to a player's leaping or rebounding ability.



NBA-ABA RULES AND PENALTIES

Digest of Rules

Note: The rules governing play in the National Basketball Association and in the American Basketball Association are identical, except where otherwise noted in the following, and in the scoring of field goals. All field goals in the NBA score two points. In the ABA, field goals made from a distance of 25 feet or more from the basket score three points; all others score two points as in the NBA.

FOULS

1. Personal foul is a foul which involves contact with an opponent.
2. Technical foul is a foul which does not involve contact with an opponent and can be assessed against a non-player as well as a player.
3. Double foul is a situation in which two opponents commit personal fouls against each other at approximately the same time.
4. Offensive foul is a foul committed by a player while he or a teammate is in control of the ball.
5. Flagrant foul is a personal foul of a violent or savage nature. It may or may not be intentional.

TRAVELING

Moving a foot or the feet in any direction in excess of the following prescribed limits:

1. A player who receives the ball while standing still may pivot, using either foot as the pivot foot.
2. A player who receives the ball while he is progressing or upon completion of a dribble may use a two-count rhythm in coming to a stop or in releasing the ball.

Note: A player who falls to the floor while holding the ball is not traveling unless he makes progress by sliding.

Note: If an opponent prevents a shot by placing one or both hands firmly on the ball so that the shooter or both players return to the floor holding the ball, it shall be a held ball. If the shooter voluntarily drops the ball before he returns to the floor and he then touches the ball before it is touched by another player, it is traveling.

SCREEN

Screen is a legal action of a player who, without causing contact, delays or prevents an opponent from reaching a desired position.

TIME OUT

Occurs and clock shall be stopped when:

1. A foul is called.
2. A held ball is called.
3. Player's request for time-out is granted.
4. Ball is out of bounds as result of a violation or going out of bounds.
5. Official time-out for injury or any other emergency or unusual delay.

Note: When defensive player is injured, officials shall not stop play under any circumstances until after a goal is scored or the ball becomes dead.

6. A field goal is scored during the last two minutes of the regulation time or any overtime period.

A player shall "not barge into, impede progress or opponent." Larry Siegfried does it to Dave Bing, gets a personal foul.



Above, contact from rear constitutes pushing and is a foul. But Reed's use of elbow is not "excessive" and is okay.

JUMP BALLS

1. Ball shall be put in play in center circle by a jump between two opponents: a) at the start of the game, b) at the start of each quarter or overtime period(s), c) after a double foul situation on the ball, by both players involved.

2. Other jump balls shall be called for where: a) a held ball occurs, b) a ball out of bounds caused by both teams, c) a double free throw situation, d) the ball lodges in a basket support, e) the ball becomes dead when neither team is in control and no goal or infraction is involved.

SHOT CLOCK

Here's one of the main differences in concept between the NBA and the ABA. The former uses a 24-second timer, the latter a 30-second timer that's placed at opposite ends of the court so that it is readily visible to players and officials. It will denote the time remaining for the team in possession to attempt a field goal.

Violations and Penalties

1. If dribbler in control steps on or outside a boundary, but does not touch the ball while he is out of bounds, returns in-bounds and continues dribbling he is considered to go out of bounds.

2. Kicking the ball or blocking it with any part of a player's leg is a violation when it is a positive act; accidentally striking the ball with the foot or leg is not a violation.

3. One loses ball if he dribbles a second time after his first dribble has ended, unless it is after he has lost control. He shall not make more than one air-dribble during a dribble.

4. One loses ball for remaining for more than three seconds in that part of his free throw lane between the end line and the farther edge of the free throw line while the ball is in control of his team.

5. One loses ball for continuous control of a ball which is in backcourt for more than ten consecutive seconds.

6. One loses ball if he is the first to touch a ball which he or a teammate caused to go from front court to back court while his team was in control of the ball.

GOAL TENDING

1. Touch the ball or basket when the ball is on or within either basket.

2. Touch the ball when it is touching the cylinder having the ring as its lower base.

3. Touch the ball when it is not touching the cylinder but in a downward flight during a try for a field goal while the entire ball is above the basket ring level and before the ball has touched the ring or the try has ended.

4. During a field goal attempt, touch a ball after it has touched any part of the backboard above ring level whether ball is considered on its upward or downward flight.

5. During a field goal attempt, touch a ball after it has touched the backboard below ring level and while ball is on its upward flight.

6. Trap ball against face of backboard.

Note: Penalty for above if violation is at the opponent's basket is that offended team is awarded two points (three in the ABA if from 3-point zone). If violation is a team's own basket, no points can be scored and the ball is awarded to the offended team out of bounds.

TECHNICAL FOUL

1. A zone defense shall not be permitted. Official shall first warn a team if he feels they are using a zone defense, then impose a technical foul for each re-occurrence.

2. Cursing or blaspheming an official shall not be considered only cause for imposing technical fouls. Running tirade, continuous criticism or griping may be sufficient cause to assess a technical. Flagrant misconduct shall result in ejection from game.

Note: On technical foul attempts, whether the team has been successful or not, the ball shall be returned to the team having possession at the time the foul was called and play shall be resumed from a point out of bounds at center court.

PERSONAL FOULS

1. A player shall not hold, push, barge into, impede the progress of an opponent by extended arm, knee or by bending the body into a position that is not normal.

2. Contact caused by a defensive player approaching the ball holder from the rear is a form of pushing or holding.

3. For excessive use of elbows.

4. A dribbler shall not charge into nor contact an opponent in his path nor attempt to dribble between two opponents or between an opponent and a boundary, unless the space is such as to provide a reasonable chance for him to go through without contact. If a dribbler, without contact, passes an opponent sufficiently to have head and shoulders in advance of him, the greater responsibility for subsequent contact is on the opponent. If a dribbler, in his progress has established a straight line path, he may not be crowded out of that path but, if an opponent is able legally to establish a defensive position in that path, the dribbler must avoid contact by changing direction or ending his dribble.

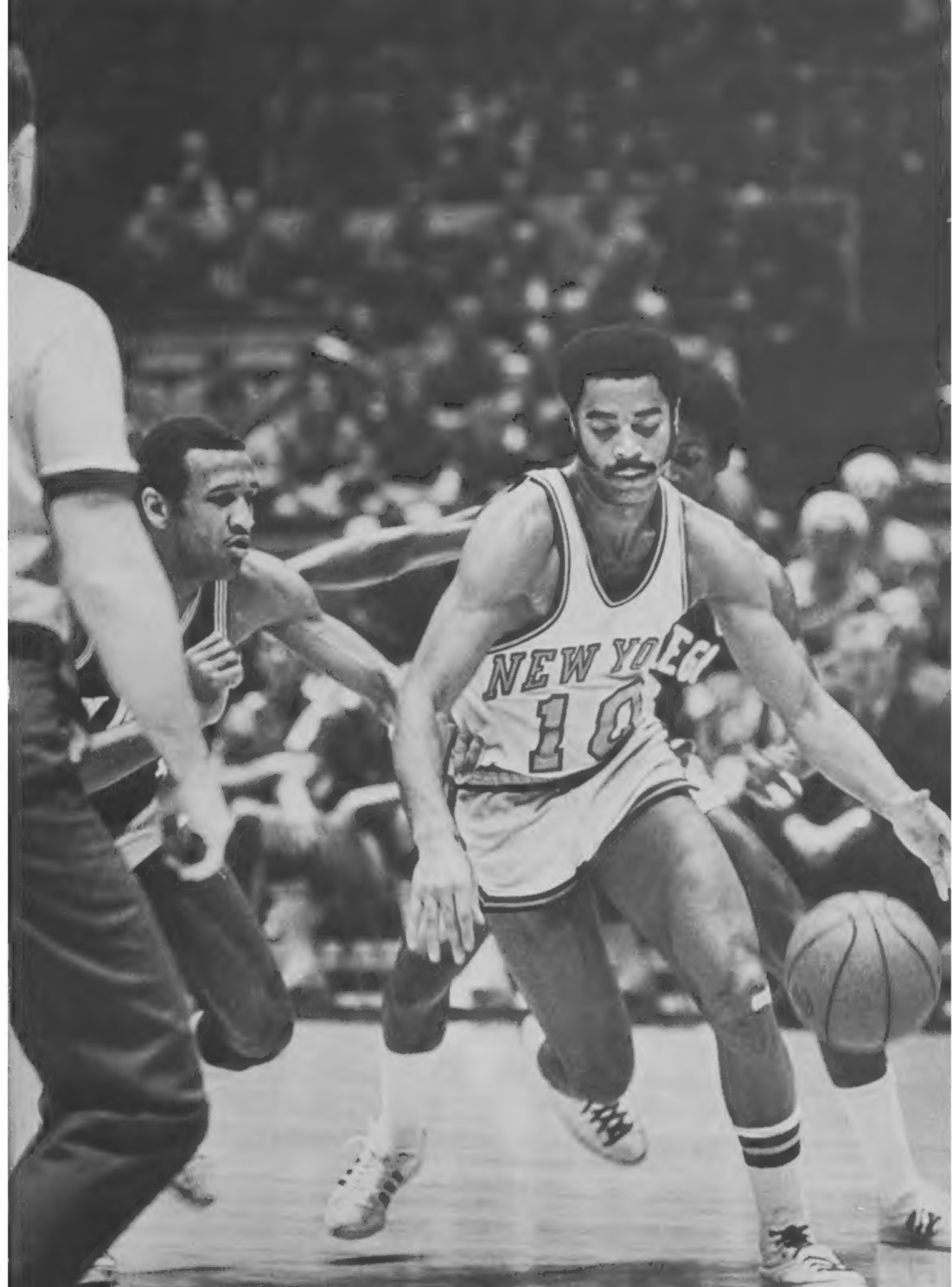
5. A player who screens shall not: a) when he is behind a stationary opponent, take a position closer than a normal step from him; b) when he assumes a position at the side or in front of a stationary opponent, make contact with him; c) take a position so close to a moving opponent that this opponent cannot avoid contact by stopping or changing direction. In (c) the speed of the player to be screened will determine where the screener may take his stationary position. This position will vary and may be one to two normal steps or strides from his opponent, d) move after assuming his screening position, except in the same direction and path of his opponent.

Note: If the screener violates any of these provisions and contact results, he has committed a personal foul.

Note: A second free throw shall be awarded if the foul is: a) flagrant, b) against a field goal shooter whose attempt was not successful, c) swinging of elbows where contact is made, d) back court; i.e., if team is in control of the ball in its back court and a foul is committed against a member of the team, either in front or back court, it is a two shot foul, e) committed by a player whose team has exceeded the limit for team fouls per quarter, f) against an offensive player who has a clear path to the basket thereby being deprived of the opportunity of scoring, g) committed by a defensive player before ball is thrown in from out of bounds.

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